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Today's Weather: Light variable winds, cloudy and misty, continuing warm.
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Death Of Rabbi Wise

A PROMINENT ZIONIST

New York, Apr. 19.—Rabbi Stephen Wise, 75-year-old Jewish leader, died here today.

Born in Budapest, Hungary, on March 17, 1947, Dr. Wise was brought to the United States when a year old by his parents. His father was Dr. Aaron Wise, who became a minister of the temple of Odeph Shalom in New York City.

Dr. Wise was educated in New York public schools and at Columbia University. He began his career at the age of 19 when he was appointed one of the assistants to Dr. Henry Jacobs, rabbi of Madison Avenue Synagogue. Within the year he became head of the synagogue.

He was only 23 when he declined the post of rabbi of the Temple El Emanuel, whose congregation was one of New York's richest.

OWN SYNAGOGUE

Instead, he decided to have a synagogue of his own and in 1907 established the "Free Synagogue" with the backing of Mr. Henry Morgenthau and other prominent New Yorkers. He had been rabbi of this organization ever since then. It was organized as a democratic group with the rabbi giving complete freedom in his religious and social work.

Dr. Wise figured prominently in the Zionist movement after World War I. He was one of the founders of the Foundation of American Zionists and throughout his career was ardent spokesman for Zionism in the United States. Among the first Americans to recognize the menace of Hitlerism to world peace, he frequently called for a boycott of German goods during the early stages of Nazism.

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Princess To Visit Italy

London, Apr. 19.—Princess Margaret is going to Italy for a private tour next month. It was learned here tonight. This will be the second trip to the Continent for the Princess, who in 19 next August. It is also the first visit by a member of the Royal Family to an enemy territory since the war. The actual date of her departure has not yet been decided, but it is understood that Princess Margaret will leave early in May, and will spend four weeks in Italy, visiting main centres of historic and artistic interest.—Reuter.

ULTIMATUM TO WBVs

Rangoon, Apr. 19.—Burmese Government forces, with Maymyo, 35 miles west of Mandalay back in their hands, today issued a 48-hour ultimatum to the White Band Communists inside Mandalay to come outside the city and face them in battle.

The Army challenge said that if the Communists did not come out, and thus avoid battle losses in civilian life and property, the Government troops would assault the city and annihilate them.

The Government appealed to the Buddhist clergy and citizens inside Mandalay to urge the White Band Volunteers to quit the city and withdraw to quiet attacks between the two forces were reported tonight.

The Government's communiqué tonight said its aircraft had bombed three rebel concentrations in the Mandalay district villages on the east coast, scoring direct hits. It added that the Communists, with Karen support, were massing for an attack on the Moulmein-yun rice centre, 70 miles southwest of Rangoon.—Reuter.

REDS READY TO ATTACK

Nanking, Apr. 20.—The fateful battle for the Yangtse Valley and control of all China may be only hours away. The government last night rejected a Red demand for unopposed crossings of the mighty river, an official source said. This is expected to be the signal for a Red smash to the South bank.

The Communists had set up a new list of conditions for peace. Among them were the unopposed crossings. They told the government to agree by Wednesday (today) or take the consequences. No hour was set. The government reportedly made a counter proposal, but most observers predicted its quick rejection by the Reds.

Shortly before the government decision, the Communist radio declared 400,000 Red veterans had finished all preparations to strike across the River in the Nanking-Shanghai area.

In all the Communists are believed to have 1,000,000 veterans in position to attack along some 650 miles of the Yangtse River front. The Government has possibly 500,000 troops to meet the assault.

The Communists accompanied the broadcast with probing raids. These stung the few bridge-heads the Government still holds on the North bank. They tested the thin Nationalist defence line on the South bank.

Nanking was deep in gloom. Police sentries were doubled. Reinforced garrison patrols moved through the capital with full combat equipment. Families of officials were leaving town.

Citizens were sure that large scale fighting was near after three months of an unofficial and uneasy truce.

Not since January 15, when the Communists conquered the Northern industrial city of Tientsin, had there been a battle worthy of the name. The weeks dragged by in negotiations.

FINAL CONCESSIONS

The official source said the Government was handling the Communists a counter-proposal

that was loaded with all the concessions the government thought it could make. But few believed they would be enough.

Government leaders trudged wearily to bed after day and night sessions spent in framing the reply. The official source said their state of mind was this: if the Communists will not yield on their insistence for free crossings, there is no alternative but to fight.

The Communists had warned that if a peace agreement was signed by today (Wednesday), all further talks in Peiping were off. The Northern city has been the scene of several weeks of intense negotiations.

The Communist radio gave the government a good idea of what is to come.

It said the veteran East China army of General Chen Yi, 400,000 strong, were ready to cross on the Nanking-Shanghai front.

This is the front of nearly 500 miles covered by 300,000 troops of General Tang En-po. Loyal forces of General Kuo-fu, who pulled them back from the river and move into the hills to the south.

RUSHING DOWN TROOPS

The Communists said General Lin Piao's crack Manchurian Fourth Field Army was being rushed toward the Yangtse by railway, highway and river. Food and ammunition dumps already were set up to consist of 400,000 men. It is reported heading toward the big Central China bastion of Hankow, on the Yangtse, 375 miles Southwest of Nanking. General Pan Chung-hsi, defender of Hankow, has 200,000 troops. The Communists accused him of preparing to flood the plains before Hankow if the Reds attack.

Between the two huge forces of Generals Piao and Chen are 200,000 troops of General Chen Kung, veteran of the fighting in Central China.

The official military news agency said three Red attacks had been beaten back on the Yangtse front Southwest of Nanking.

One was aimed at the bridge-head on the North bank opposite Wuhu, 60 miles from Nanking; a second was a crossing attempt by a fleet of small boats 20 miles farther south, and the third was a renewed attack on Anking, bridgehead city 150 miles Southwest of Nanking.

A fourth attack was said to have been repulsed at a bridgehead 30 miles Northeast of Nanking.—Associated Press.

NORTH BANK FIGHTING

Nanking, Apr. 20.—Midnight reports from Chinkiang said that fighting on the north bank of the Yangtse River 40 miles east of Nanking was the most fierce so far.

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Better Late Than Never

London, Apr. 19.—A 76-year-old Royal Marine pensioner, William Gregory, has been awarded the Meritorious Service Medal by the Admiralty 49 years after a China war exploit which earned it.

Mr. Gregory was a corporal in a force of 19 Marines which successfully defended the British Legation at Peking in 1900. Badly wounded in a sortie he was mentioned in despatches and promoted.

In the first World War he was in the Royal Marines and in the last war in the Home Guard. He has two sons in the Navy.

At the Royal Marine Headquarters in London it was stated that the delay in making the award was not due to forgetfulness. An officer said: "There is only a certain quota of Meritorious Service Medals and the quota is normally filled so that an award cannot be made until a vacancy arises from the death of a holder. The award carries with it a small annuity."—Reuter.

Crown Counsel Asks For Inquiry Into Telephone Company Accounts

"If it were a matter of minor irregularities Government would not make a point of upsetting the arbitration. The intention of my application at this stage is for the arbitrators to exercise their powers under section 40 to enquire into the Telephone Company accounts so that we may know to what extent the charges made have been lawful or unlawful," said Mr. A. Lonsdale, Crown Counsel, when he represented the Government at the Telephone Company—Hongkong Government Arbitration hearing which commenced in the board room of the S. C. M. Post this morning.

The arbitrators are Mr. J. McNeill and Mr. P. D. A. Chiddell. Instructing Crown Counsel is Mr. R. R. Andrews, Crown Solicitor, while the Telephone Company are represented by Mr. Eldon Potter, K.C., Mr. H. G. Sheldon, K.C., and Mr. D. A. L. Wright, instructed by Mr. R. A. Wadson, of Messrs. Deacons.

Mr. Percy Chen, instructed by Mr. W. H. Young, is holding a watching brief on behalf of Ng Fuk-chu, Yau Sun, the Star Hotel Ltd., Chuen Yee Hong, Ku Chock-lun, F. Au Pan, Wong Tai-chu and Hui Kwok-ho, all members of the Preparatory Committee of the Hongkong Chinese Reform Association.

In his opening, Mr. Lonsdale dealt with a point arising from a communication to Government from the Chairman of Directors of the Telephone Company. Counsel said that in 1948 the previous rates and charges under the Telephone Ordinance were in force, and as a result of an application made by the Company under the Defence Regulations, not by amendment of the Ordinance as by the Governor-in-Council. A 50 percent increase was gazetted by the British Military Administration in February of that year. In 1947 the Company represented again that the rates and charges were insufficient to provide the profit which the Company considered reasonable, and they supplied accounts in support of the application. After some negotiations, Government offered an increase in rates and charges for business telephones amounting to a 75 percent increase on the previous rates. The Company refused this offer and after negotiations Government offered a 90 percent increase for business telephones but this was not accepted by the Telephone Company.

ACCOUNTS ANALYSED

Mr. Lonsdale said that Government then asked for

Company's Reply

Government asked the solicitors of the Company for confirmation of this assumption and the reply given was neither an admission nor a denial. The last paragraph of the letter to Government, said Counsel, stated that the solicitors felt that the request was tantamount to asking their advice to the company on figures which they had not as yet had an opportunity to consider.

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Plan Prepared To Keep India Within Commonwealth

London, Apr. 19.—A compromise plan for keeping India in the British Commonwealth will be placed before the meeting of the Prime Ministers when it convenes on Thursday.

A delegate said that the compromise probably would enable India to stay within the Commonwealth even after India proclaimed herself a republic. He said this would so strengthen the Commonwealth that the suggested Pacific pact against aggression would not be necessary.

The Prime Minister, Mr. Clement Attlee, will hold private conversations with each of the visiting delegates before they start their formal work. Mr. Attlee will start by seeing Liaquat Ali Khan of Pakistan and Stephen Senanayake of Ceylon and possibly Daniel Malan of South Africa and Foreign Minister Lester Pearson of Canada. He planned to see Peter Fraser of New Zealand, Joseph B. Chifley of Australia and Jawaharlal Nehru of India on Thursday.

Authoritative Indian quarters were of the opinion that a solution might be found by which India as a republic could stay in the Commonwealth with a president, replacing the Governor-general which the King sends to all Commonwealth countries. Under such a formula, the President could act as the King's representative. The King himself would be recognized as the "first citizen" of the Commonwealth.

DELEGATES ARRIVE

Canada's Foreign Minister, Mr. Lester Pearson, was the first to arrive by plane yesterday and Premier Malan of South Africa arrived today. Pakistan's Foreign Minister Sir Zafrullah Khan was due here by nightfall and the Prime Ministers of Australia, New Zealand, India, Ceylon and Pakistan were due tomorrow.

The last to arrive will be India's Premier Nehru of India, described by Commonwealth relations quarters today as the "Hamlet of the conference" pondering whether India is "to be or not to be" a member of the Commonwealth.

Commonwealth relations officials emphasized that the conference would be a top secret. They described the proceedings as "very ticklish," and said it was doubtful whether any information would be made public until the participating states had returned to their countries.

Official sources said the British government wishes to "maintain as close relations with India as she may desire herself." South African sources believed that the circle of Commonwealth could be widened "by the entry of those who enter on the common basis of free association among self-governing communities."

The British press today pondered over the question and offered no solution.

The Conservative Daily Telegraph said, "If India feels her-

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WOMANSENSE

Black Linen Resorter



By PRUNELLA WOOD

A DISTINGUISHED resort and coming-summer dress is shown here, a smooth, slim silhouette of black linen with small tucks easing the cut above the high corselet waistline and below the joining of sparse flounce to skirt bottom.

The shoulders are neatly and roundly fitted, in harmony with the turned back cuffs and collar. Buttons to the waistline are black bone, and the belt is a leash of black patent leather.

One should let an expert dry cleaner care for this handsome but casual model for its first season, and gain renewed pleasure in it later on when it drops down into just another thin wash dress.

Hearts & Flowers

By ELEANOR ROSS

ENGAGEMENT announcements indicate a beautiful, beautiful crop of Easter and post-Easter weddings. Special occasions, such as an engagement party, offer the ingenious a fine opportunity to turn their talents to good account when doing the decorations. No need to splurge, for a beautiful table does not have to be the result of a big expenditure for either food or flowers. It is good taste and originality that count.

For an engagement announcement party, what better theme than hearts and flowers, done according to your interpretation of this sweet theme? Some of the smartest and most successful table decorations use old-fashioned bouquets of fragrant narcissus, daffodils, snapdragons and roses in a pretty frame of metallic lace that suggests the nosegay of yesteryear. Figures of dainty little ceramic doves carrying nosegays of mimosa or marigolds in their bills carry out the romantic theme most suitably.

Cupid Silhouettes

A profusion of Cupid silhouettes and entwined hearts will also do their romantic bit to create the desired setting and sentiment. As for the table flowers themselves, sweetpeas in white and the soft pink and mauve pastel shades combined with deeper tones of the same hue make a colourful arrangement.

A good notion to copy is that of a florist who uses bird cages as a natural background for bouquets of marigolds, purple anemones and flowering yellow larkspurs with figurines of lovebirds perched realistically among the gay blossoms. The cages

lend themselves, of course, to all sorts of colour schemes and embellishments, but the best jobs are toned down, leaving the beauty and colour to the flowers.

All this doesn't call for a big outlay for flowers. Beautiful blossoms never look well if they are overdone anyhow. When flowers are just crammed into a container they cannot breathe and literally stifle. And whether you are using flowers for a table setting, for a bouquet or for room adornment, or whether you are enjoying a corsage sent to you by the man in your life, give the flowers loving care.

Sensible Care

You will help the blossoms to offer their beauty to you, and the world for twice as long if you give them a little sensible care. Drafts are a menace to flowers just as they are to humans. A hot electric light bulb or heated radiator will wither your flowers just as it would dry out your skin if you had to stay close to it for any length of time.

When receiving cut flowers, it is wise to cut stems diagonally with a sharp knife, as soon as they are removed from the box. Do not use scissors as the blades tend to crush the stem. The diagonal cut will make it possible for a maximum area to absorb the life-giving water. Place flowers immediately in fresh water and make sure that at least half of the stem length of the flowers is under water. Obtainable at the florist shop are tablets that help prolong the life of cut flowers if directions are properly followed.

HE'S SEEKING BETTER FRAMES FOR PICTURES

By ELIZABETH TOOMEY

New York. It was one of the first to use wide, dark mattes on pictures instead of the traditional margin of white. "A wider colour can be made to look larger by using a matt," Holland explained. "And it can be brightened for a dark corner with a light colour or subdued for a bright wall with a darker matt and frame."

Holland, a good-looking young frame designer and maker, claims that one of the most neglected phases of home decoration is picture frames. Good looking pictures are ruined with too-narrow frames, and dismal prints are left in their gloomy state by unimpressive frames.

Holland has managed to improve the frames of his own clients by a new personal service. He goes to their homes or apartments, by appointment, and sees the pictures in the settings where they'll be hung. Then he recommends proper frames, and even suggests more suitable pictures if the client asks advice.

But for the benefit of the average homeowner who must choose for himself, Holland decided to prepare a booklet of advice. He'd like to distribute it on a national scale, since he firmly believes that ill-framed pictures are a nationwide malady.

Narrow Frames Taboo

Whenever possible, he advises against very narrow frames, even on tiny pictures.

"Try using scoop frames, deep ones, on your miniatures and you'll be delighted with the beautiful results," he said. In a scoop frame, the picture is set deep and the frame extends out from it either in a curved or straight line. If the unit were laid face up on a table, the picture would appear to be at the bottom of a rectangular bowl.

Oil paintings require simple, solid frames for dignity, but for water colours or photographs Holland specializes in unusual techniques.

THE BODY NEEDS ITS PROTEIN

By HERMAN N. BUNDESEN

WE are familiar with the all-important food part called protein. It is necessary in the diet not only for the repair of worn-out tissues but for building new tissues as well. When the body is weak and strength is threatened by disease, the quality of the diet is much more important than the quantity or the caloric value. This is especially true in regard to the proteins.

The important proteins come from such foods as meat, milk, eggs, beans, and peas. It is especially important to give the right type of protein foods in sufficient amounts in cases of injury or burns, following surgery, and during chronic or prolonged infections.

Not Proper Food

The amount of protein in the diet may be deficient because the food given is not proper, or because eating is difficult owing to age or to such conditions as ulcer of the stomach, chronic kidney disease, or other illnesses. Sometimes, enough food is eaten, but it is not taken to splurge, for the body becomes weakened by disease, the quality of the diet is much more important than the quantity or the caloric value. This is especially true in regard to the proteins.

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Suave Suit



By VERA WINSTON

SHOWN today, is a cocktail suit good for resort wear now and for gala afternoons in town later on. The fabric is gabardine in a pretty café au lait shade, embellished with beaded buttons. The dress top is of tissue, faillie to tone with beaded banding around the low round neckline and short cap sleeves. The jacket has an extra square collar all-over beaded front underneath the long, rolled collar which terminates in two beaded buttons at the waist. The pencil-slim skirt is slit at one side. This is a suave suit with detail that is rich without being garish or overdone.

THE SQUARE SKIRT

New York—Now there's a square skirt.

Hattie Carnegie doesn't figure it will actually replace the old-fashioned cylindrical model, but there it is right in her spring made-to-order collection, square as the cowbell she named it for.

The skirt, part of a gray silk alpaca suit, had four straight seams, each stitched to hold it square. And it swung like a bell when the wearer walked.

Off-centre necklines and diagonal seamings set a slantwise pattern for many of the Carnegie suits. Most skirts were slim, but not tight. Jackets were hip-length with stiffly flared peplums below snugly buttoned waistlines. Many suit necklines were cut wide from the neck and filled in with crisp fabric, taking the whole thing from which I break off the ends. I dip these in the batter and fry

A Hurry-Up Beauty Routine



For a quick facial, cream your complexion, leave the cosmetic on a few minutes, then remove with cotton that has been dipped in skin freshener.

By HELEN FOLLETT

THERE are times when a girl wants to look her best at short notice. A clasp on the telephone, a merry voice speaking. Won't she join the party? She's tired as all get out, plans to go to bed early. But she can't turn down that date.

She must decide how the half hour or hour at her disposal must be spent. She can lie down, relax, close her eyes, pull herself together, or she can rest her weary bones in a warm bath. If she has a grain of energy left she will choose the bath with a cold shower for a finish. Before getting into the tub she will wash and cream her face. Cream and moist hot air form a grand combination for banishing pallor. Just before donning the party frock she should remove the cream with a pad of absorbent cotton that has been dipped in skin freshener.

If she has a cap hairdo, little time need be spent on it. Perhaps her finger nails will need a touch up with polish, but that doesn't take more than a few minutes.

To give herself a new face that will stay fresh through the evening she will do well to use a foundation cosmetic. Rouge can be a bit brighter than that used during the day and, of course, the lipstick should be an exact colour match.

One more suggestion: she must not get fussed and flustered. To dash around looking for this or that. Men don't like 'em that way. They prefer girls who have poise, who take things to their stride, who seem never to be hurried or flurried.

She must not forget to put on a little perfume which is the final touch when one has got into one's glad dry goods. A drop behind the ears, a drop in the curves of the arm. But never on the hair, unless the glorious halo has just been shampooed.

Let's Eat

BY IDA BAILEY ALLEN

Tasty Refrigerator Meal

LOOK at these ends and odds that I have taken out from the refrigerator, remarked the Chef, indicating a miscellaneous array of foods on the table.

"Quite an assortment," I commented. "There's almost half a tin of luncheon meat, some dry cheese, a fourth of an egg plant, about a quart of peas and string beans, a few salad greens, some cooked rice, a cup of cranberries and four apples. How can we make these into a good meal?"

A Casserole

"The only thing I can think of is a casserole, and for that I'd like some tomatoes, but we haven't any."

"Well, Madame, I have a suggestion: It is the Italian Fritto Misto."

"Fritto Misto? Let's see: fritto means fried, and I suppose misto has something to do with mystery. It must be a mystery fry."

"Ha, ha," laughed the Chef. "That is what the husband thinks when his wife gives him a dish will not be a mystery. Fritto misto means a mixed fry, just like you have a mixed broil. Now I will tell you how I will make it. I shall first grate the cheese and combine it with the rice into small round croquettes ready to fry."

"Sounds good so far," I said. "Then I shall whip up a bowl of batter fritto."

"You mean fritto batter, don't you?"

"Oui, Madame: the fritto batter, which I shall use for an assortment of fritters from the ends and odds. I let this rest a few minutes until I get ready to fry. I can saute or use the deep fat. I prefer the deep fry as it is more quick and takes less fat."

"So I heat enough good lard in the chicken fryer to make three inches deep. It is hot enough when I brown a piece of bread in it in a minute. Of course I do not let the lard smoke—because that gives a burned taste. Now I am ready to proceed. First I put the rice croquettes in the frying basket; lower them into the hot lard and fry brown, about 1 minute. The I turn out on crumpled paper towels, and place in the oven to keep warm."

Next I cut the left-over luncheon meat in small half slices. I dip in the batter, then I carefully slide into the fat to fry. At once I follow with the eggplant. This I cut into fingers and dip in the batter. Last I take the whole string beans from which I break off the ends. I dip these in the batter and fry

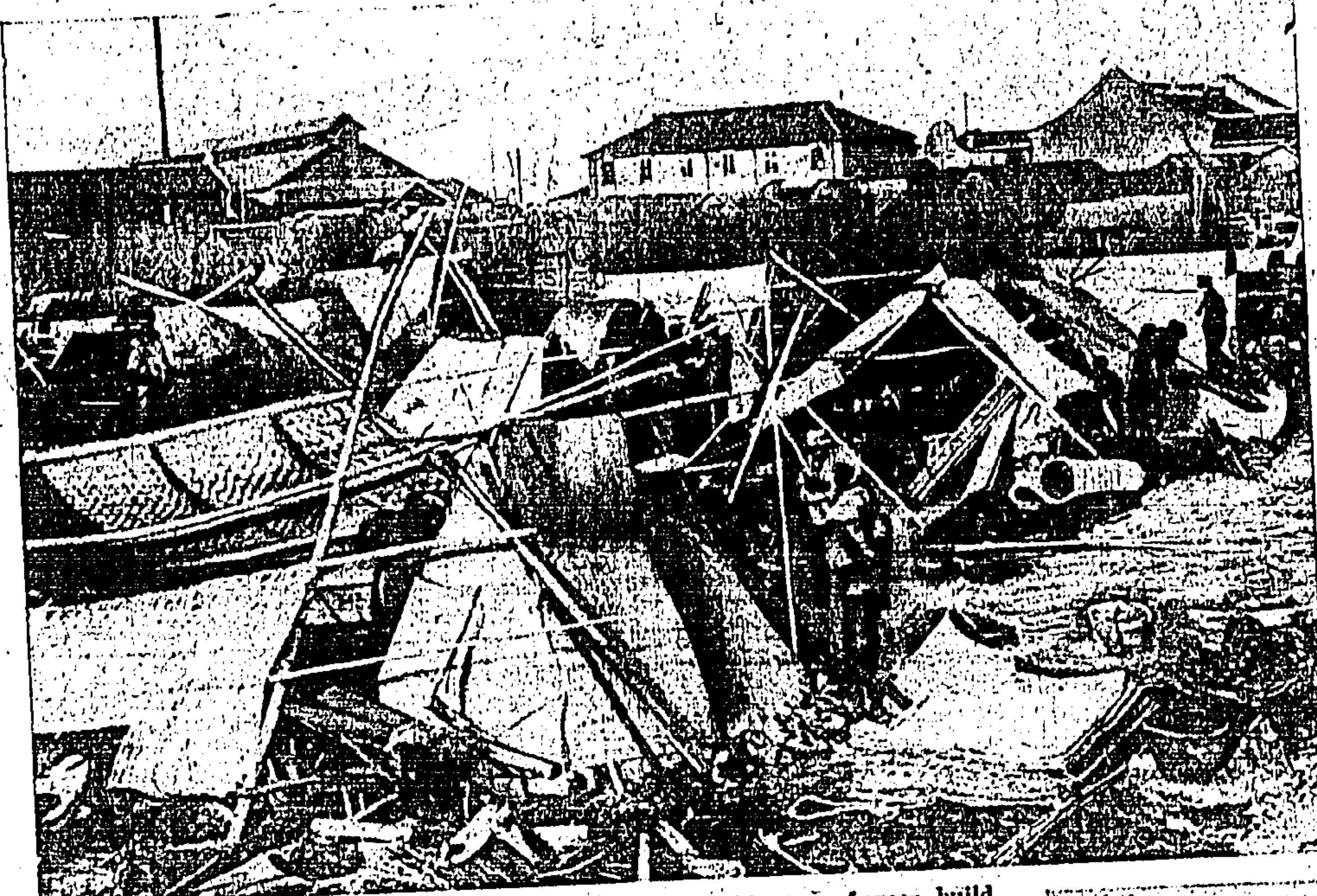
in the hot deep fat. Vegetables used in this way may include cauliflower, eggplant, squash, cucumber, celery, tomatoes or sliced onions. Green corn kernels, or a combination of sliced carrots and celery with peas, or any vegetable combination desired, may be stirred into the batter and fried by dropping tablespoons into the hot deep fat.

United Press.

WORLD NEWS IN PICTURES



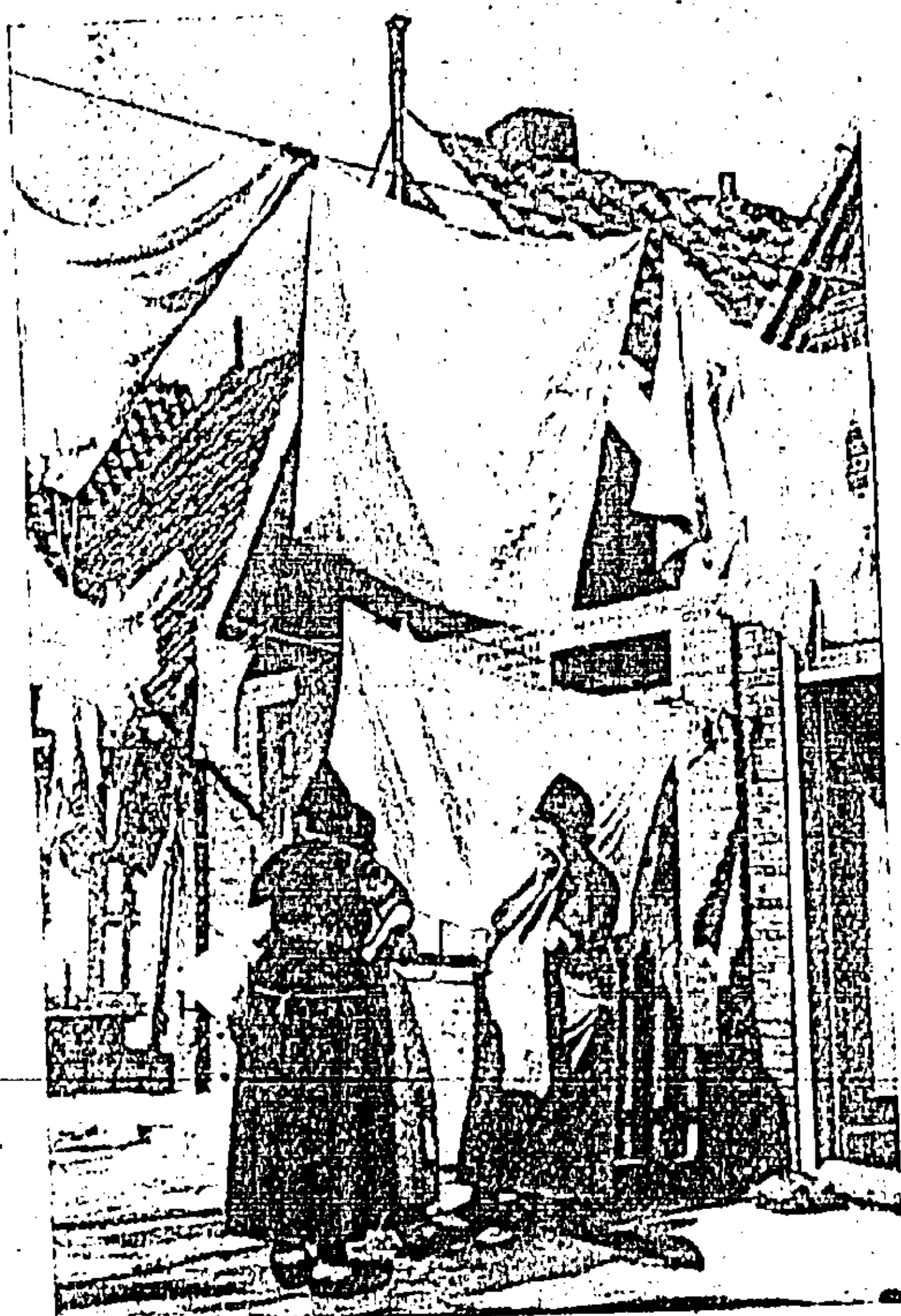
SPRING IS HERE—And with it these young fishermen in northern Idaho have bass for dinner. More than half of the state's population bought fishing permits last year.



MISERY—In already overcrowded Shanghai, starving Chinese refugees build temporary homes wherever they can find sufficient space. These helpless victims of the frequent fires that rapidly destroy their flimsy bamboo-straw huts, pitch in and wearily start rebuilding with the same inflammable materials—which are all they can obtain.



FLYING HOME—With all four hoofs in mid-air, Ramadan, left, jockey W. Zakoor up, comes on to win over Rare Jewel at Tropical Park in Miami. The odds-on favourite was beaten by a nose, despite being ridden by Logan Batcheller, the current leading winner at the Florida meetings.



WASH DAY—A laundry would not find much business in Volendam, Holland, where all the washing is done at home. Hanging out the weekly wash is a social occasion, and these housewives have no use for clothes pegs, preferring to twine the clothes around the line.



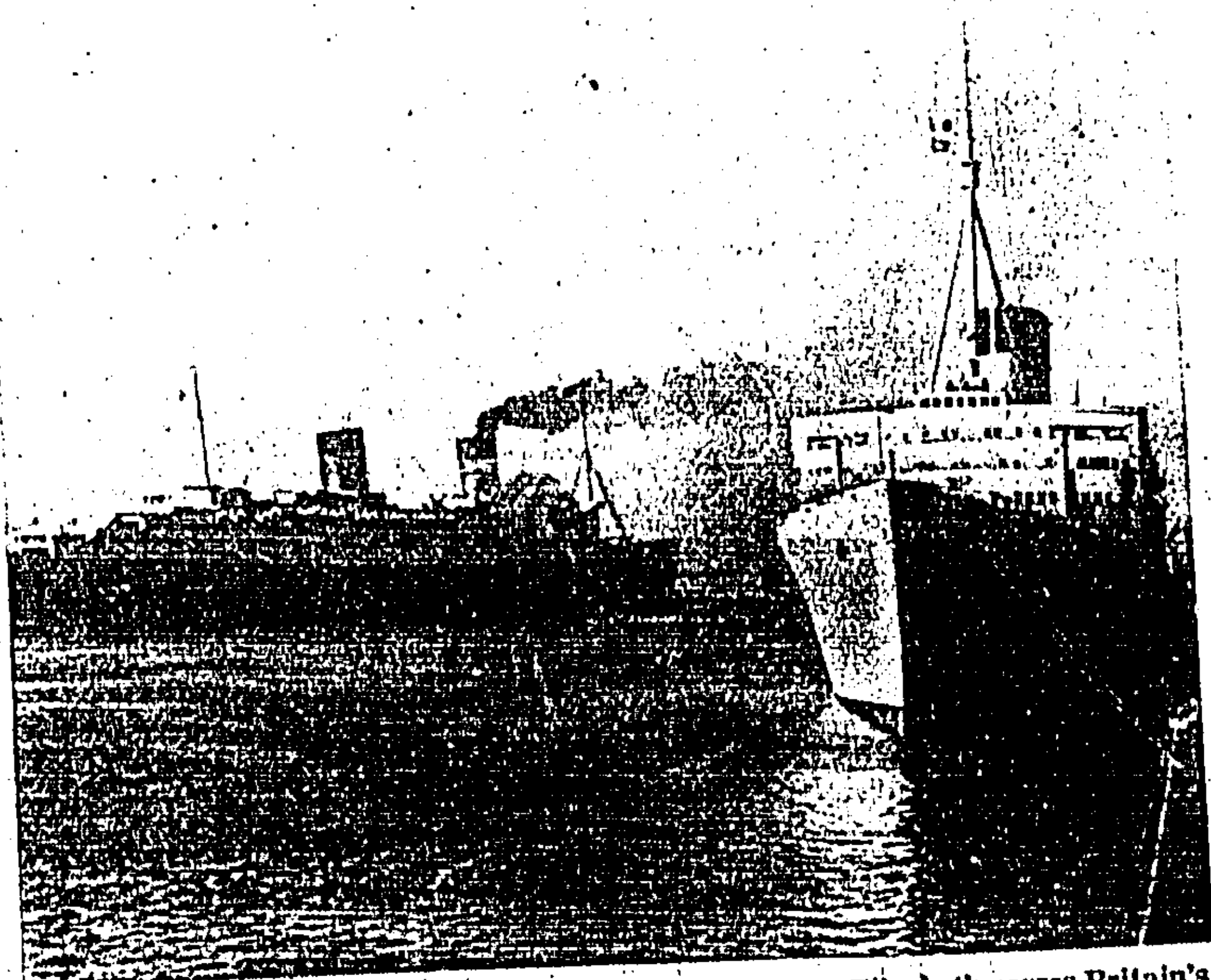
OLD-TIMER—Thirteen-month-old David Doty absorbs the lore of the old railway days from great-grandfather Gilford S. Woods in Oak Park, Illinois. Woods, now 97, who surveyed routings for the Chicago & Eastern Illinois Railroad during the '70s, is almost as old as the 100-year-old line itself. Still agile, he operates a prosperous rail supply business. The car little David is fondling is a far cry from those used on the line during the old days.



NOMINATED—Because no college in New York felt it had a co-ed beautiful enough to enter a film contest for "most beautiful and talented freshman," an independent group at Columbia University nominated Karen Lewis.



WATER THRILLS—Nancy Stille is getting an exciting ride in Winter Haven, Florida, on Trammell Pickett's sea-going surf-board. While taking a fast turn, Nancy hangs on and grimly hopes for the best. Win or lose, she'll be soaking wet.



LIZ GREET'S A FRESHMAN—The British liner Queen Elizabeth passes Britain's newest liner, Caronia, while steaming out of Southampton. The Caronia, largest ship built since the end of the war, is the newest Cunard White Star liner.



WINDFALL—When Art Teets and Ward Vickers decided to take a two-year world cruise, they invited the public down to the pier in Wilmington, California. About 1,500 people turned up with tins, sacks and boxes of food. They brought enough to stock the schooner California with supplies to last the entire crew of six for 400 days.

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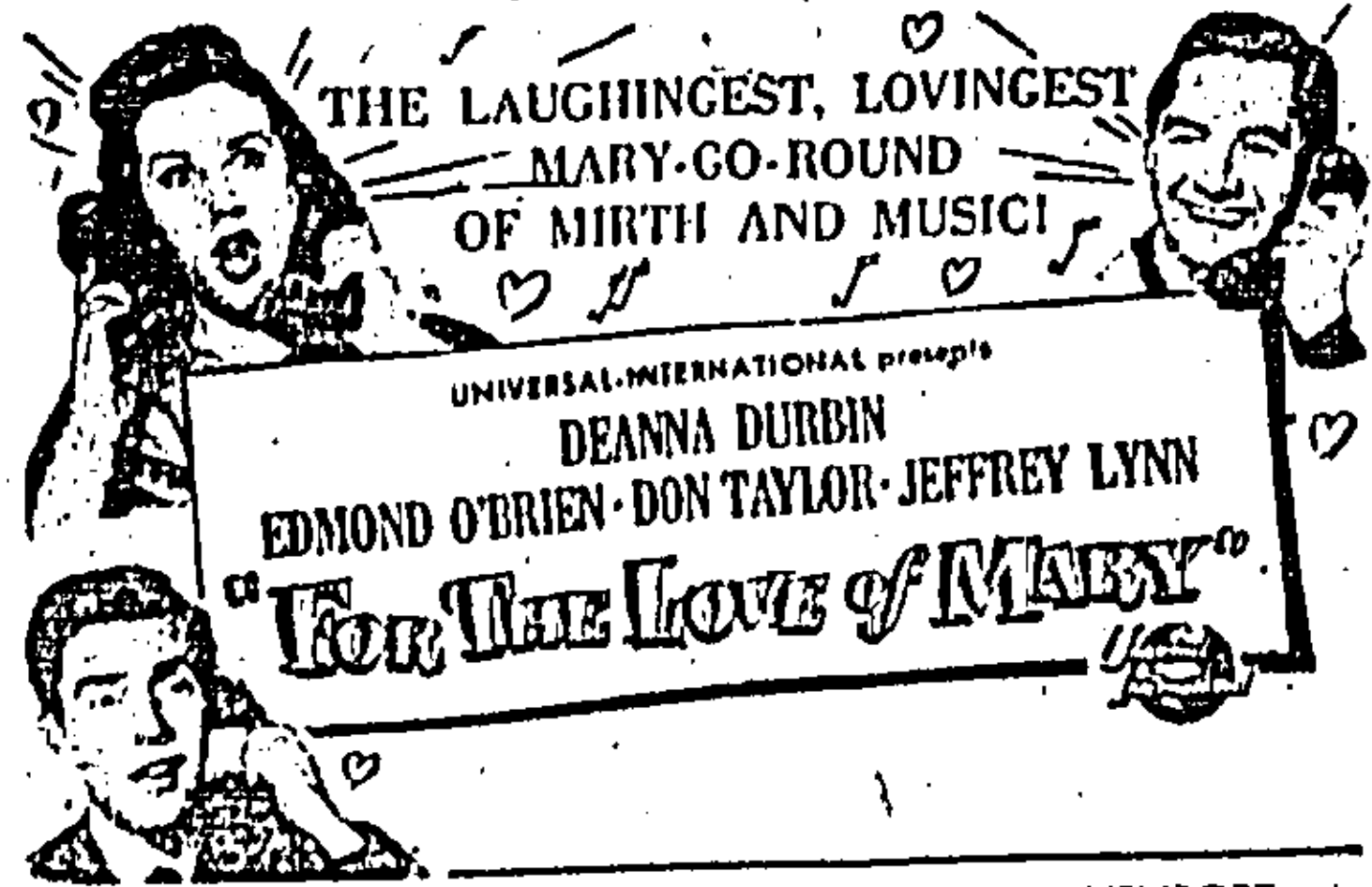
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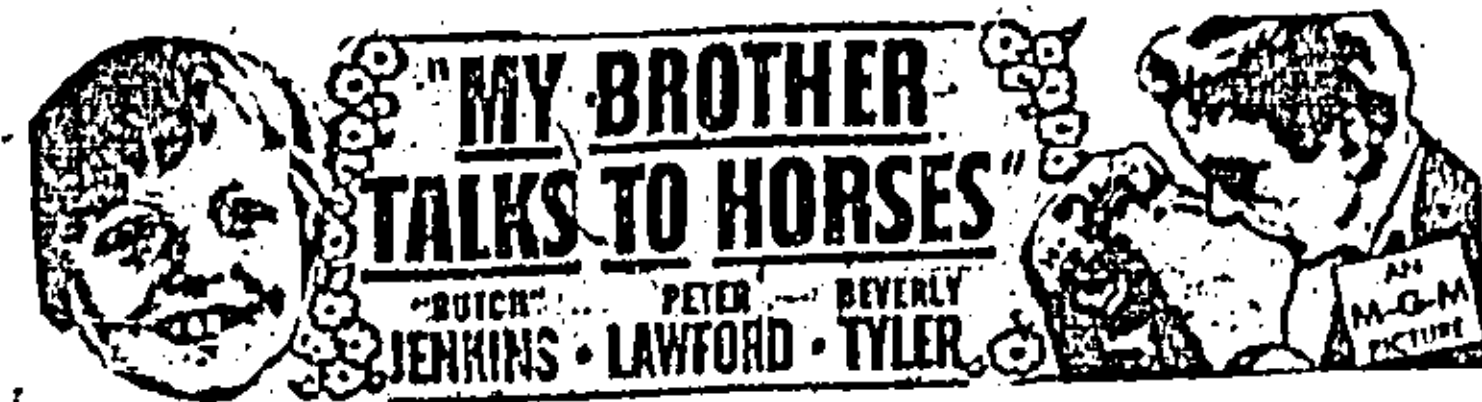
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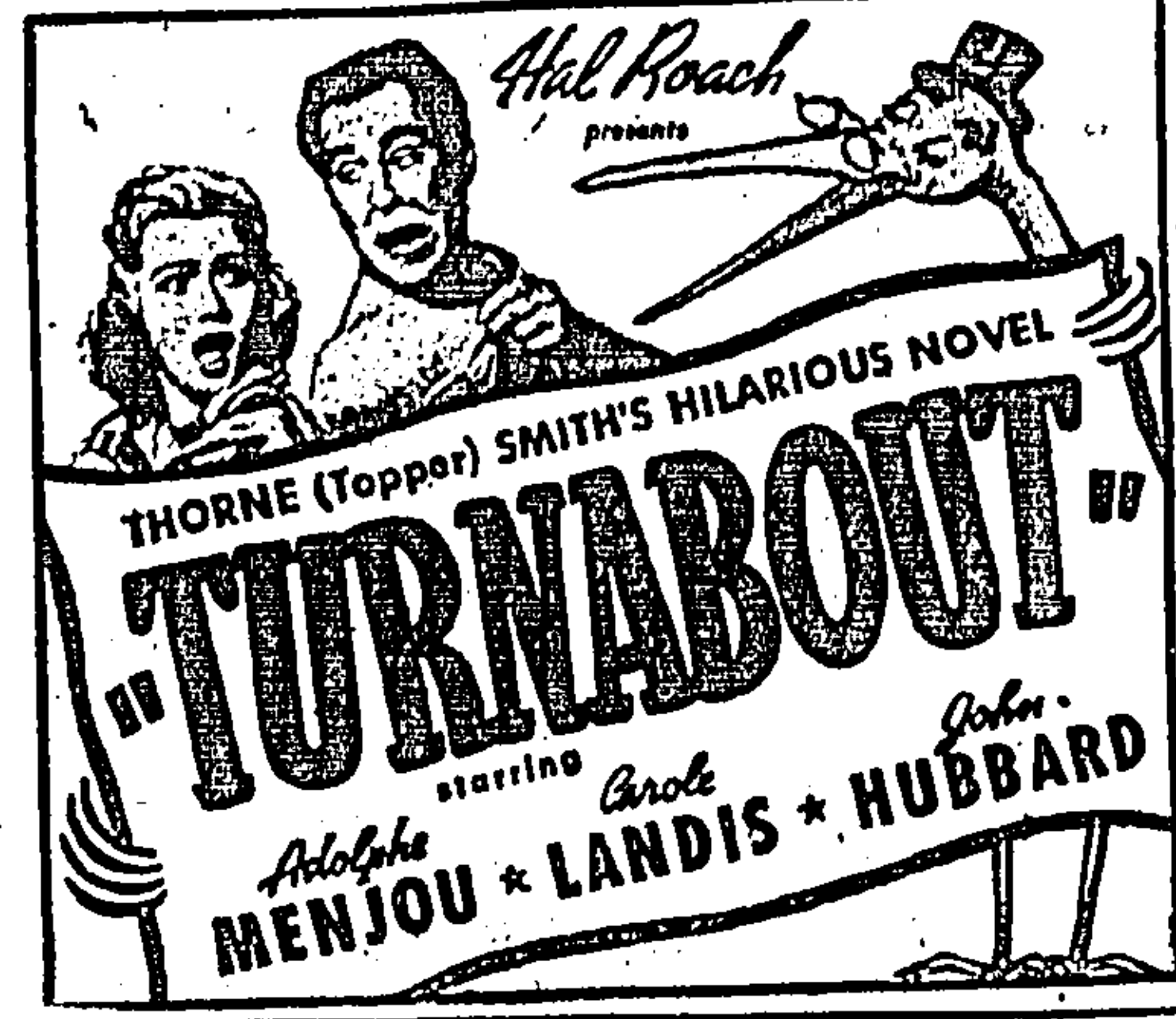
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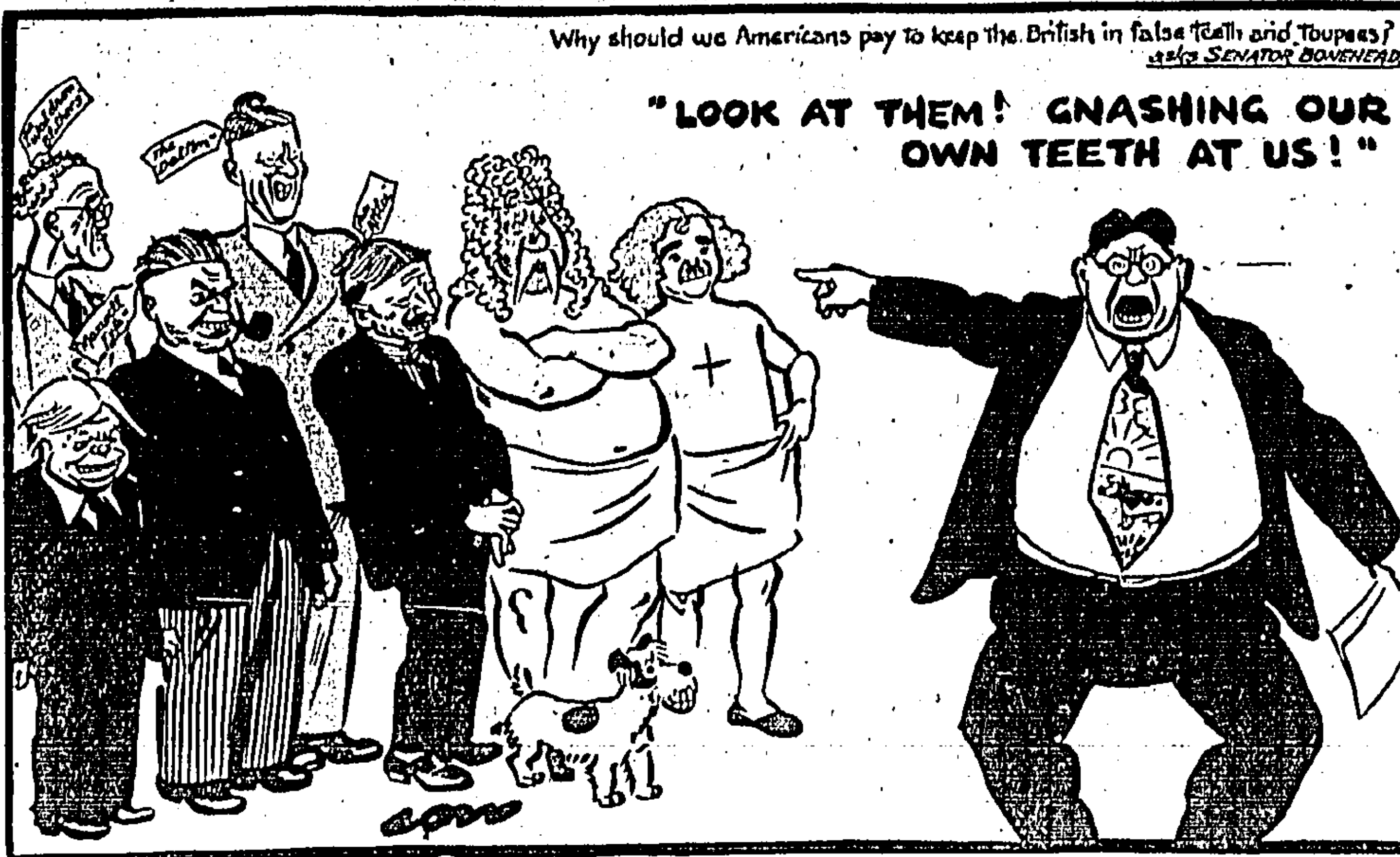
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Sitting on the Fence....by

NATHANIEL GUBBINS

THE Sparrow's wife was crying in one corner of the Nest while the Sparrow scowled, nursing a hangover in the other.

Tears rolled down her cheek, dripping on to the little bit of newspaper she held in her claw.

"What's happened now?" asked the Sparrow. "Is the world on fire, or what?" "Oh, it's too awful," said his wife. "I don't know how I can bear it!"

"Bear what?" shouted the Sparrow. "For heaven's sake say what's on that mind you're supposed to have."

"They're so hungry in China," said his wife, dabbling at her eye with a square inch of handkerchief. "That they're eating sparrows' eggs."

"Well, what of it?" asked the Sparrow. "They eat hen's eggs, don't they?" "But sparrows' eggs. It's as if they were eating your children."

"China's the one place where I'm sure I have no children," said the Sparrow. "It's too far away."

"But suppose it had been one of our very own? Suppose it had been little Ronnie?"

"Oh, how awful. How could you say such a thing? Poor little Ronnie!"

"He'd have poisoned anybody who had eaten him," said the Sparrow. "He was added from the start."

"He was a lovely egg," said his wife, "and a lovely baby."

"Screwed from the day he was hatched," said the Sparrow. "Fresh tears poured down his wife's cheek, reducing the little bit of newspaper to pulp."

"Do you think they will ever eat sparrows' eggs over here?" she asked.

"They will if the Ministry of Food keeps on saying more hen's eggs are on the way. It's a sure sign that there'll be a shortage."

"But they're supposed to be so fond of birds over here."

"They're supposed to be fond of horses, too. But they're eating them just the same."

"Then I'll gnash them all as soon as they're laid. I won't have them eaten."

"Won't have what eaten?" asked the Sparrow. "Do you mean to say you have another tender secret?"

"I always go in the spring," said his wife.

"With all this moaning and groaning another lot of Ronnie's, I suppose," said the Sparrow, flying off to the Tree Tops Club for consolation.

men, on whom the main burden of taxation falls, have either refused all work which earns them more than the maximum until wage or have defied the new emigration laws and fled the country.

"THEY reckon there be no money for us this week," says the first centurion. "Nor next week, nor the week after."

"There must be money for our pension," says the second centurion. "Stands to reason."

"No money for no pensions nor nothing. They do say the young fellows won't earn more than £3 a week because it they do the Government they do take it away from us. To pay pensions for the likes of us."

"Well, drat um, that's what I say, drat um."

"Five undred on um escaped last week. Five undred on um. All good taxpayers, too."

"Where they gone to?" "Dunno. Canada maybe. They stowed themselves away aboard the ships, the young varnents."

"Drat um, that's what I say, drat um."

"One on um was arn't tharby pound a week and a-payin' twenty seven pound in good tax money, all for the likes of us. But he couldn't see no sense in it."

"Time was when boys looked after—the old uns. But—they don't do it no more."

"They do say it's because the Government takes it out of their own business. The boys was join in with us old uns when there was a mindin' their own business."

"Drat um all the same. That's what I says. Drat um."

"They do say with all this yere decretin there's too many of us old uns and not enough of them young uns to pay taxes. So all they wants now is a pob of sweepin the streets at £3 a week with no taxes and no head worries."

"Drat um . . . Are they a-shuttin up the post office?" "The postmistress is shuttin up the post office. There's no tax money to pay her wages."

"And who's the young chap a-sweepin of the roads?" "That's the income tax man. There's no tax money to pay his wages, neither. So he's a-sweepin of the roads."

"Drat um all, that's what I say. Drat um all."

"Awful child wants to know

"DID you see that Mr Blood-sucker, the income tax collector, is 100 years old?"

"No."

"It was in the paper that the income tax department of the Inland Revenue was 100 years old last week."

"That doesn't mean that Mr Bloodsucker is 100 years old."

"But he might be."

"Yes he might."

"Perhaps that's why he's

always asking you for money you don't owe?"

"Perhaps."

"And why he writes to you two or three times a week. Perhaps he's so old he forgets who he's written to?"

"Possibly."

"And perhaps it's why he's been going back six years and making you pay for mistakes he made when he was 94?"

"With centenarians anything is possible."

"Does he use an ear trumpet?" "Yes."

"Do his clerks shout down it?" "Of course."

"Can he hear what they say?" "Not always."

"What happens when he can't hear?"

"He shouts back 'Write to Gubbins again.'"

"How old is Mrs Blood-sucker?" "Ninety-nine."

"How old is their eldest child?" "Seventy-eight, and a half."

"Boy or girl?" "Boy."

"Mrs Bloodsucker married when she was twenty-one and a half?"

"Twenty and a half."

"Was she beautiful?" "Yes."

"Glasses and mousy hair?" "Yes."

"What was Bloodsucker like?" "Glasses and mousy hair."

"Did they both like glasses and mousy hair?" "Adored them."

"What is Bloodsucker's other name?"

"Bert."

"Bert Bloodsucker?" "Obviously."

"What's his son's name?" "Bert."

"Glasses and mousy hair?" "Glasses, no hair."

"Glasses and white-mousy?" "Glasses and white-mousy."

"Have they any children?" "Boy and girl."

"How old?" "Fifty-five and a half and fifty-two and three-quarters."

"Glasses and mousy hair?" "Both of them."

"What's his name? Bert?" "Yes and his wife's name's Bert."

"Bert and Bert Bloodsucker?" "Of course."

"Have they any children?" "They have two children called Bert and Beryl, aged approximately 24 and 22 respectively, both with glasses and mousy hair."

"What about the littlest Blood-sucker?"

"He is two and a quarter years old, his name is Bert, his hair is mousy and he was born wearing glasses."

"Paws across the sea

Half the country is wondering will Lottie, the honey cat, accept the urgent invitation of Manhattan Mouser, New York underworld tom, to visit America?

Working Man's Picture Gallery

By RONALD BOXALL

London, Apr. 8.

MOST Londoners who use the Underground

are in a hurry—hurrying to work or hurrying home, dashing to a cinema in time for the last performance, or dashing home to get to bed before midnight. When they are not in a hurry, they are tired. Too tired or too intent on getting where they are going to worry about such a thing as Art.

Yet the London Transport Executive, which operates not only the vast and intricate "tube" system, but also the bus, trolley-bus and tram services—and, more recently, a water bus service on the Thames—has become the patron of a new art medium which, for want of a better term, is called "commercial art."

Commercial art is exactly what its name suggests. The "high-brow" man of letters accuses it of its undignified profit-making motive, but it is becoming too big to ignore. Artists are no longer content to live in a garret on bread and cheese and their dreams of immortality. There is big money in advertising and poster design, and artists are only human.

The London Transport Executive has one big advantage over other commercial advertisers: they do not expect, nor require, immediate returns. Their main concern is to make Mister Public travel-conscious. They know, of course, that he cannot help but take a bus or tube train to work in the morning and home again at night, but they don't want him to idle away his leisure time at home. They want him to go out and about—by Underground, bus or tram.

There are glorious views of Chiswick, Uxbridge, Kew Gardens, Richmond Park, Windsor Castle, Wimbledon Common, and St Albans—all on London Transport routes.

There is the painting of Epping Forest, which is the only example of the translation of a Jacob Epstein water-colour into a poster; the "tube shelters" of World War I, who found safety from the Zeppelins in the Underground stations; by Walter Bayes, "The Land of Nod," one of a series of "pin-ups" which were specially painted by Charles Sims, R.A., to remind troops in Flanders of home; and the paintings by Dame Laura Knight, R.A., which are probably the most valuable in the exhibition.

Pictures through the gay twenties, and the uneasy thirties—and pictures through the Second Great War. Among these is one of a series done by Eric Kennington, entitled "Seeing it through," which showed the men and women who kept London's public transport system working through dark days and long nights.

MRS PORTER

The one that has been chosen for this exhibition depicts a woman porter on the tube, and was accompanied by the following verse, written by A.P. Herbert:

Thank you, Mrs Porter,
For a good job stoutly done:
Your voice is clear, and the
Hun can hear—
When you cry "South Kensington!"

The world must hurry homeward,
The soldier on his way,
And the wheels whizz round
on the Underground
At the voice of the girls in grey,
And though the skirts are noisy
How calm the voices are—
"Upminster train! That man again!
Pass farther down the car!"

And so to 1949. The latest poster shows a street market scene by A.H. Thomson, R.A., which, apart from its pictorial beauty, is specially interesting, as an example of the very latest colour printing technique.

These original pictures—valued at over £10,000—have been taken out of the London Transport Executive's archives. After the exhibition they will be distributed throughout offices and canteens, moving every six months.

Postwar London is slowly regaining some of its lost splendour. The bright lights are back and, now that Spring is in the air, local authorities are getting on with the job of beautifying the public parks. But Londoners (and Sir Stafford Cripps) are still living in austere times. By continuing to produce posters which rank with the best in the world, London Transport can speed up the process of "getting back to normal."

—(London Express Service).

BEST POSTERS

With this in mind, the London Transport Executive have collected some of the best posters that have appeared in tube stations and at bus termini in the past forty years, and put them on view at the Victoria and Albert Museum in an exhibition entitled "Art For All."

The exhibition was opened this week by the Prime Minister, the Rt Hon. Clement C. Attlee, who called it "the poor man's picture gallery." No political significance can be implied to that remark. Truly, this is an exhibition of pictures painted to appeal to the masses, depicting the changing face of London in a blaze of colour, and conjuring up nostalgic visions of times that are no more.

There are 128 pictures on view, each one the best of commercial art in its day.

—(London Express Service).

MANHATTAN MOUSER.

*Gopher: An American burrowing rodent.

"Mr Stalin"

To some he's Old Joe Stalin, or merely Uncle Joe, To others he's a devil or a saint.

"The saviour of the world," To some he's rather wuffy and quaint.

"A man of shining virtue, too honest for the world," "A demon of unmentionable crimes."

If he's anti-Christ or angel, or just old Uncle Joe, He's always "Mr Stalin" in The Times.

—(London Express Service).

NANCY He's the Goat

YOUR CAP IS FILTHY, SLUGGO—LET ME WASH IT

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I GUESS SO

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By Ernie Bushmiller

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Paris Peace Congress To Discuss Atlantic Pact

Paris, Apr. 19.—The World Congress for Peace, opening here tomorrow, will discuss the Atlantic Pact, Marshall aid and President Truman's foreign policy, a Congress spokesman announced tonight.

Religious leaders, scientists and artists are among the delegates from 59 countries attending the Congress, one of the largest meetings of its kind ever held.

Soviet Drive For More Livestock

Three-Year Plan

Moscow, Apr. 19.—The Russian Government and the Communist Party today issued a joint decree setting out the first steps in its new three-year plan for a vast increase in livestock and the production of food and raw materials.

Higher wages—with the award of the title of "Hero of Socialist Labour" in the most outstanding cases—will be payable under the decree for increased cattle production.

All persons engaged in cattle breeding may receive at 50 per cent a 50-per cent pension, but if they continue working they will receive full wages in addition. The decree gives its aim as "to stop lagging behind" in the cattle-breeding industry.

The new three-year plan also sets a 1951 target of a 50-per cent increase of meat, fats, milk, butter, eggs, leather, wool and other products on collective farms.—Reuter.

A United Press message states that all newspapers today devoted three out of a total of four pages to the decree.

By 1951 collective and state farms are expected to possess roughly 40,000,000 large horned cattle in addition to cattle owned individually. Individual ownership at present accounts for 30,000,000 head.

The decree said Russian livestock was inadequate even before the war, while during the war the Germans slaughtered and took to Germany 70,000,000 head of horned cattle, horses, pigs and sheep.

Fateful Battle

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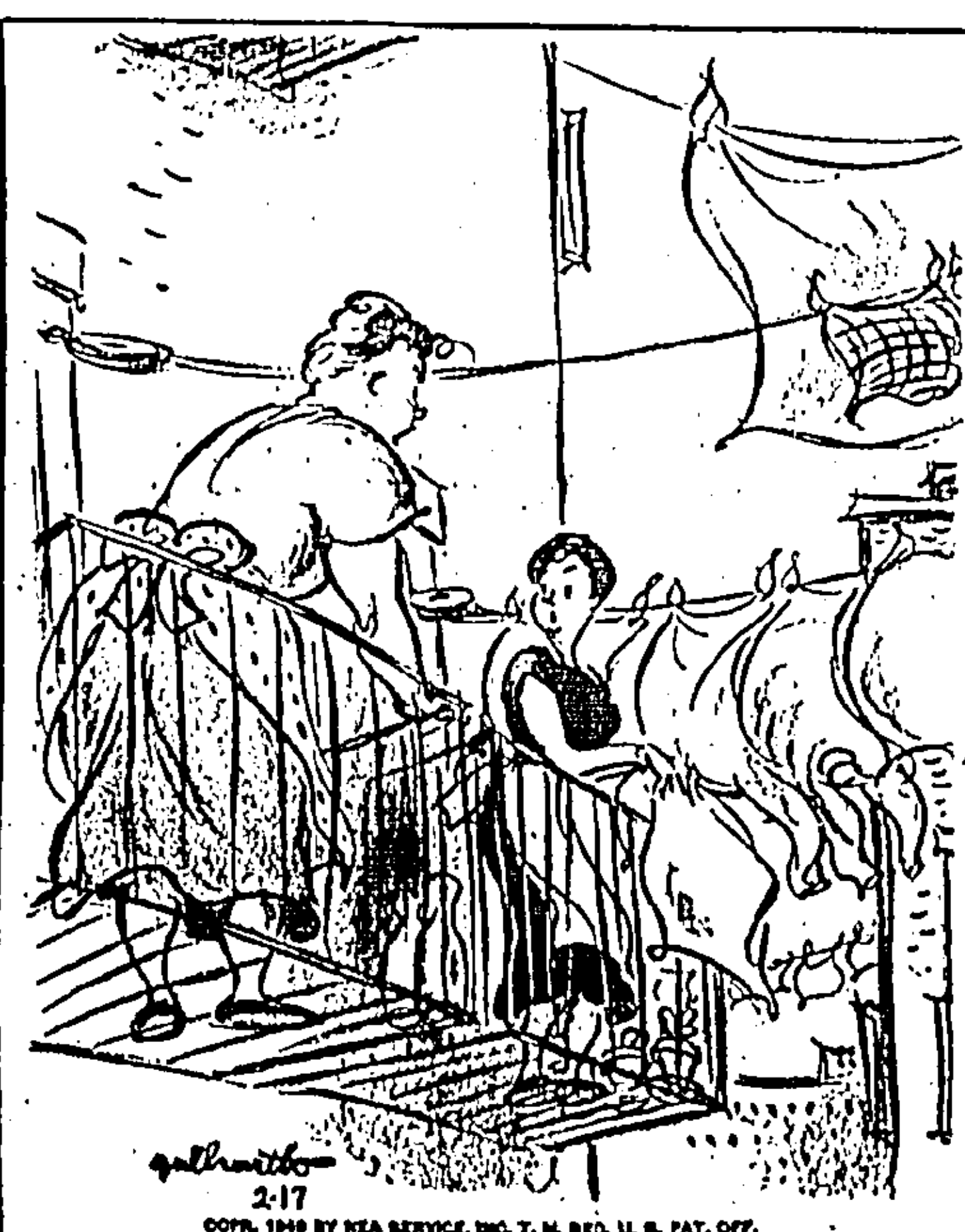
Contact had been lost with the Nationalist bridgehead at Sihorwei, last reported to be surrounded by advancing Communists. Other Communist forces were within three miles of Luwei and were within two-thirds of a mile of Kwachow. Big fires were seen burning between Luwei and Kwachow. A heavy Communist attack had begun at about 5 p.m. on Monday.

Yangchung, on an island in the Yangtze River north-east of Chinkiang, was also under attack. No fighting was reported from Wuhu, 60 miles south-west of Nanjing.

Tanks rumbled through Nanjing streets heading eastward shortly after midnight. The curfew was strictly enforced.—Reuter-AAP.

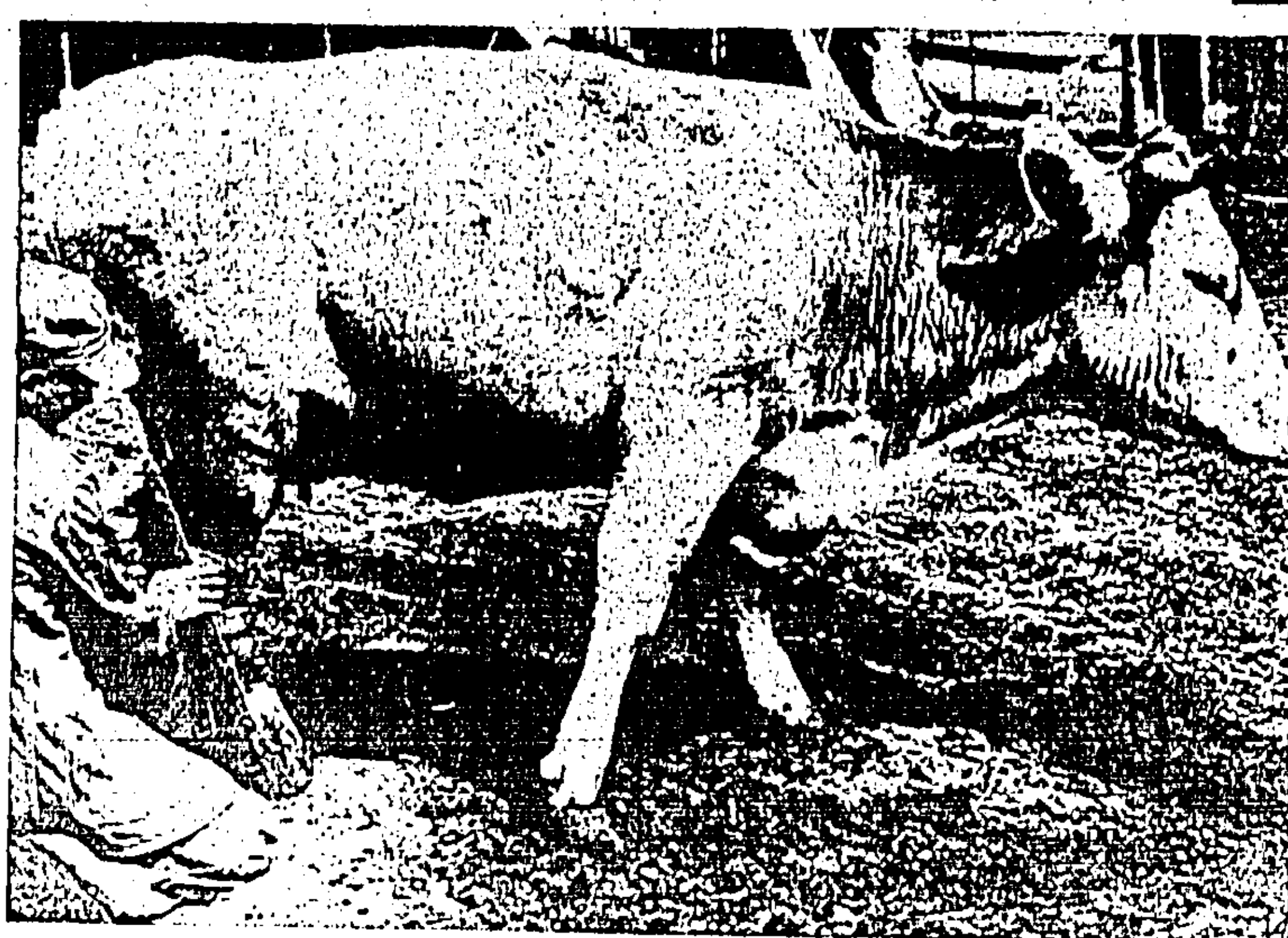
SIDE GLANCES

By Galbraith



"You've got more shirts to wash than you used to have, Mrs. Jones—I guess prosperity means more work for all of us!"

COW WITH A WOODEN LEG



'Crip,' a three-year-old brown Swiss cow, stands patiently as owner Howard Martin of Union, Ia., makes an adjustment to her wooden leg she's worn for two years. The leg was amputated at the hock after an infection resulted from a fall. Because he wanted to save the calf she was carrying at the time and because she represented one of the best blood lines in his herd, Martin fashioned the artificial leg. Although not quite as active as other cows in the herd, Martin says "Crip's" habits haven't changed much because of the handicap.—AP Picture.

Hongkong Telephone Co. v Govt: Arbitration Court Hearing

(Continued from Page 1)

Mr Lonsdale then referred to a letter dated April 14, 1949, from Government to the Telephone Company. He said that throughout the time that these negotiations took place and which resulted in the arbitration agreement, Government were under the assumption which they believed to be well-founded that they were being asked to increase the lawful rates and charges under the Ordinance and the Defence Regulations, and that in fact the figures supplied in support of that application referred to lawful rates and charges and that they were able by co-ordinating the application and the figures to claim a quasi judicial decision.

Government, he said, had more than one interest in this matter. There was the question of royalties on which they were paid on profits of over 12 per cent which were available for distribution. Any increase in rates and charges would automatically result in increase of royalties.

PUBLIC PROTECTION

Government's interest primarily was the interest of the public and protection of the public. It was his submission that Government had never agreed to this matter and had never been in a position to agree that the application which had been made for increase in rates and charges but an increase in rate and charges plus unlawful rates.

Mr McNeill said that the arbitrators could not consider charges which were not permissible. Mr Lonsdale said he agreed and went on to say that the primary duty of the company was between the company and the Government, and Government had never been in a position to agree or disagree because there had been misrepresentation. Mr Potter: You are not suggesting fraudulent misrepresentation.

COUNSEL'S APPLICATION

Crown Counsel again referred to the letter of April 14, 1949. Government took steps to ascertain what justification there was for the application made by the company. Under his special powers, the Accountant General went to the Telephone Company and made investigation into the accounts.

Mr Lonsdale added that if it was a case of minor irregularities Government would not make a point of upsetting the arbitration. It was his intention at this stage to make application to the arbitrators to exercise their powers under section 40 to enquire into the accounts of the Telephone Company as that they might know to what extent the charges made had been lawful or unlawful.

He said he was not asking at this stage for an adjournment to bring an application before the Court, but he was asking for an adjournment to pursue investigations which would be re-

quired at a later stage in the arbitration. Mr Potter agreed that there should be an investigation of the accounts, but pointed out that the Company would never have agreed to arbitration if they thought for a moment that the charges they proposed to make were wrong. He argued, however, that the preliminary point of law should be decided before they went on to an investigation of the accounts. The Company did not mind how long Government took in their investigations into facts and figures.

"TOOTH AND NAIL"

Government could have the fullest investigation and all the time they wanted to check the figures, but first of all the Board of Arbitration should decide on the preliminary point. After that had been decided, they could fight tooth and nail as to what charges should be made.

Mr McNeill, addressing Mr Lonsdale, said the Arbitrators wished to hear his reply to the question as to how the admission of any evidence at this stage would affect the discussion on the point of law concerning the interpretation of Section 40.

The evidence he was seeking was not to assist that discussion, Mr Lonsdale replied. It would only assist the Board and the parties to it to know to what extent the charges had been illegal. Referring to Mr Potter's arguments, he said there had never been any request made to Government for a revision of the rates and charges set forth in the Schedule.

The request had been for a revision of those charges plus something else inextricably mixed.

Mr Potter pointed out that in a letter received from Government, it was headed "Revision of rates."

The Arbitrators then adjourned the hearing for ten minutes. On resuming, Mr McNeill said they understood that Mr Lonsdale had raised two points. He had asked for an adjournment for the purpose of applying to the Court for revocation of the agreement, but the Arbitrators understood that had since been withdrawn.

Mr Lonsdale interrupted to say the Arbitrators were not saying they were not relevant to the application to the Court because of the insufficiency of information as to the unlawful charges in view of the short period of time since Government became aware of it.

Investigation would have to be carried out in due course, and he could see no reason why it could not be carried out now in order to consider whether any application should be made to the Court to revoke the submission to arbitration.

NOT RELEVANT

Continuing, Mr McNeill said the Arbitrators also felt that the question of evidence at the present stage was not relevant to the preliminary point. They therefore proposed that argument proceed on the preliminary point.

Some pointed statements had been made behind Government's back, he added, and if Counsel for the Company wanted to reply to them, they would hear what they had to say.

Mr Potter replied that all he wished to say was that the Company was prepared, and had always been prepared, to give every possible assistance and information to Government. In fact, he added, the accounts

were being gone into at the moment.

Discussion on the preliminary point then proceeded. Mr Lonsdale first dealt with the Telephone Ordinance as enacted in 1922. The dominant purpose in enacting an Ordinance was to consider the intention of the legislature, and one had therefore to seek that intention from the wording of the Ordinance itself. In the 1925 Ordinance the dominant purpose was clear—that there should be a large measure of control by Government over a public utility company.

The concession to the Company was for 50 years, and the franchise which had previously been granted to and exercised by the China-Japan Telephone and Electric Company was determined and taken over by the Telephone Company.

OFFICIAL CONSENT

He went on to refer to the requirements under the Memorandum of Association. A further restriction was that there could not be any amendment except with the consent in writing of the Governor-in-Council. There was also a limitation as to who might be the Directors of the Company and how many.

Provision was also made as to what the capital should be and it was further provided that there should be no increase in the capital except with the consent of the Legislative Council. The operating power of the Company also could not be altered without the same consent.

Dealing with the charges, Mr Lonsdale said they were set out in the Ordinance, and it was provided that they should not be in excess of those in the Schedule, and in the cost of erecting, servicing, etc.

The Schedule also provided a miscellany of services at such rates as the Governor-in-Council should approve, and removals were included under that sub-head. There was provision for the inspection of accounts and auditing by an authorised auditor appointed by the Governor-in-Council, and for reporting to the Government in respect of royalties.

ABLE TO TAKE OVER

There were also sections providing for penalties for breaches of the Ordinance, and in certain contingencies Government could also take over the telephone system. The last provision was the one on which Section 40 was based, and provided that none of the statutory rates of subscription set out in the Schedule should operate except in certain contingencies.

There was mention of a period of two years before that took place, notice must be given in writing, and the matter might go before an arbitrator if there was any disagreement. If the arbitrator came to certain conclusions on the facts, he was allowed to do certain things to the charges, but again the arbitrator was controlled as to what he could do.

Taking the whole of the provisions of the Ordinance into account, and without referring to the historical background of the Ordinance, it was clear that the Ordinance was drafted and passed with the very strict intention of rigid control on the matter of rates which the Company could charge the public, said Mr Lonsdale. He compared other Ordinances dealing with public utility companies and had come across no others where there was a rigid control. The hearing is continuing.

Indian Plan For Colonies Arouses UN Interest

Lake Success, Apr. 19.—Half the members of the United Nations have now expressed their views on the future of the Indian colonies, but the result of the General Assembly's action still remains in doubt.

Meanwhile, considerable interest has been aroused in United Nations circles by an Indian proposal. While supporting the general Soviet and Arab line that all former colonies should be placed under United Nations trusteeship, India would like the Big Powers to be left out of any administration.

It is too early for observers to determine how much support this proposal may receive. The Arab delegation, in particular, have not expressed their view. But it is considered in some circles to have the virtue of not making the administration of the colonies a stamping ground for Big Power disagreements.

Some observers also see in it the advantage that it would not give the Soviet Union a foothold in the administration of the North African territories. From the 29 declarations made so far the following pattern has emerged:

Seventeen nations have expressed themselves in favour of giving Britain trusteeship over Cyrenaica and of returning Somaliland to Italian administration under a trusteeship agreement.

Twelve countries are on record for a return of Tripolitania to Italian administration, and 10 have recognised France's claim to administer the Fezzan. The largest measure of unanimity so far has been for the Ethiopian claims to part of Eritrea, giving an access to the sea.

Twenty-one of the 29 nations have favoured giving Ethiopia at least part of Eritrea, either by annexation or under trusteeship.

DEADLOCK FEARS

Although this preliminary survey of opinion shows a certain amount of agreement on certain parts of the problem, diplomatic observers here still fear that a deadlock may be reached in attempting to find an overall solution.

The General Assembly's Political Committee, apart from divergences over details of administration, now appears to be splitting into two widely separated camps.

1.—Those who want a general United Nations trusteeship over all the colonies.

2.—The supporters of individual trusteeship administrations.

The chief supporters of the first proposal are India, the Soviet Union and the Arab States. Their total strength in the final voting is expected to reach about 18. While this figure would not be sufficient to put through any one proposal, it is considered likely here that it may be large enough to block a clear two-thirds majority for any other proposal.—Reuter.

Canton Insurance Co's Good Year

At the Annual Meeting of the Canton Insurance Office Ltd., held at Messrs Jardine's Office this morning, the Chairman, the Hon. D. F. Landois, explained the changed method of presenting the Accounts as from January 1, 1948, and said that, had the accounts been drawn up in the old manner, the balance of the 1947 Working account would have disclosed a record figure.

Speaking of War Risk Insurance, Mr Landois said that a notable change in this type of insurance was the decision announced in November last that as from January 1, 1949, the British Market would revert to the "Waterborne" War Risk Clauses of 1938.

"I fear this is a sad reflection on the uneasy times in which we live," he added.

At the meeting it was decided to appropriate a balance of \$1,513,045 as follows: To pay a dividend of \$14 per share, free of tax; to transfer to Reserve for contingencies \$101,407; and to carry forward \$712,438. Members of the Consulting Committee present at the meeting were: The Hon. D. F. Landois (Chairman), Mr. E. C. Barry, Mr. D. E. Clark, the Hon. Sir Man Kum Lo, Mr. W. A. Stewart, Mr. S. T. Williamson and Mr. K. A. Mason (Secretary).

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LESSONS FROM THE INTERNATIONAL

The Scots Showed Up England's Weak Points

By VERNON MORGAN

England's totally unexpected defeat by Scotland at Wembley is not regarded by leading officials as a disaster, but as something which had to come sooner or later. That it came at Wembley and taught the selectors a salutary lesson is regarded as being much better than if it had come next month in Stockholm when England meets Sweden, the Olympic champions and regarded as one of the finest teams in the world.

Steps can now be taken to plug the holes that the Scots discovered in the English defence and find forwards not so likely to be thrown off their game by a vigorous defence.

England should of course have won the match against Scotland in the first half-hour. It has been an axiom of the present English international side to get the first goal quickly and then ram home the advantage. Hitherto, this has been very successful and England has got quick goals and won the match in the first half-hour.

At Wembley, one was able to see what happens when the expected early goal does not materialise, whether it is owing to bad play or bad luck. It was in fact the latter at Wembley, but that is really beside the point. What lessons were learned by the English selectors?

First, that perhaps Frank Swift, the giant goalkeeper who has done such great work for England in the past is not the player he used to be. With growing years, his eye is not so keen, nor his limbs.

This comment is qualified by the statement that neither he nor any other goalkeeper could have been expected to save any of the three goals which beat him at Wembley.

POOR DEFENCE

Neither of England's two backs, Howe of Derby County, nor Aston of Manchester United did well. Their tactics appeared to be at fault for they played too far up the field, leaving only Franklin, the heroic centre-half, to hold the whole Scottish attack. But for the magnificent display of Franklin, the Scots would have scored many more goals.

Probably Howe will be dropped for the continental tour and Aston, who was the steadier, retained.

England were finely served at half-back by Wright as well as Franklin. Wright, the English captain, played his usual strong game and he is sure to play for England and almost certainly to captain the side again.

But there is talk among the "high-ups" of putting the versatile Wright into the attack and he may appear as one of the insides against Sweden and France.

Little Cockburn, left-half of Manchester United, had a poor match but he will not necessarily be discarded, especially if Wright goes into the attack.

England's attack would hardly have been the same without the wizard winger, Stanley Matthews, but it certainly did not look a little at Wembley as if he had passed his best. There comes a time for all great players when the peak has been reached and the selectors might feel that this is the case with Matthews.

Should he go, Finney might be transferred from the left-wing to the right, his normal club position. Finney too has below form at Wembley where he did too much "fiddling" about.

ONE CERTAINTY

Matthews' club-mate, Mortensen, is a certainty. This virile player was in superb form at Wembley and without him any English team would be England's match-winner number one.

There looks to be a vacancy, however, at centre-forward where Milburn does not quite fill the vacancy that Tommy Lawton has left. It is extremely unlikely that Lawton will be recalled and if Milburn, who is weak with his head, does not retain his place, a newcomer may be given his chance to lead the attack.

Pearson, the Manchester United inside-left is one who will almost certainly be dropped. If Wright plays up in the forward line, another inside-forward would not be needed, but if Finney switches to the right wing a new outside left would have to be found.

Two players who have impressed the selection committee, one learns, are Leamy, the Derby County half-back, who

looks sure of a place on the continental trip, and Bentley, the Chelsea forward. Perhaps the latter will take Milburn's place at centre-forward. Whatever the England team for the big matches in Europe, there should be no complacency by England's opponents. While Scotland in the end won on merit they yet

had the luck and should have been beaten.

England's selection committee will not allow the lesson they learnt at Wembley to escape them and furthermore, England's team manager, Walter Winterbottom, will not be in bed with influenza, so English soccer fans hope.—Reuter.

WHEN ALEX JAMES WENT WRONG

Few people, save the Scots themselves, would have predicted a victory for Scotland over England by three goals to one at Wembley on Saturday, April 9. Among those who went wrong were Alex James. His reasons for thinking the Scots could not make it, written before the match, are here in his own words:

Saturday's Wembley International looks about as big a certainty as ever was going to judge the teams on paper.

Both the F.A. and the Scottish F.A. have shied from anything like a gamble in team selection. I may be wrong, but I have a feeling that the Scotland selectors picked more Anglo's. The Wembley Wizards pulled their historic match out of the bag 21 years ago—but there were eight Anglo's in the side.

Don't write Scotland off as a dead loss. You can't judge international games by ordinary standards.

There is the incentive that can make even an ordinary player rise to great heights. It cuts both ways, of course.

Archie Macaulay agrees with me that the Scotland selectors were wise in taking club backs Young and Cox with another Ranger, Woodburn, at centre half. They know each other's play.

Another Scottish international, however, told me he doubted whether his good friend big George Young has the speed to hold Finney.

His opinion is that Young, always slow on the turn, can be made to look like a store horse by the quicksilver Finney.

Cox has the rotten job of watching Maestro Matthews. There is only one thing to do—see that he doesn't get the ball. Stanley isn't getting any younger, and he has been out for a time, but it will still be just as fatal to stand and wait for him.

England have a magnificent half-back line. Franklin is cool, solid, and speedy, with splendid powers of recovery. Billy Wright and Henry Cockburn are brilliant, and both good enough to play on either flank.

But that is still no reason for the selectors to switch them both from regular club positions.

I wonder if Stanley Mortensen is slowing down? He isn't as fast as he was, and it was only his amazing zip and not football craft that made him

such an outstanding and dangerous player.

I have great admiration for Jackie Milburn. An even time sprinter and tireless worker, he is a better ball player than he generally gets credit for.

Big Swift will be welcomed back, not just because he is a grand keeper—but because of his cheerful personality.

I must confess I'm disappointed that Leicester's Don Davies didn't make the team, but his day will come.

Apart from Sammy Cox, the Scotland players are all part-timers. I still think football is a full-time job.

Points to remember about Scotland are that both backs are versatile and have played half both ways, of course.

The wing halves are good, too. Stocky, red-headed Bobby Evans is an energetic, well-proved player and even an international debut shouldn't shake the confidence of George Aitken.

I'm not altogether happy about Billy Houston at centre, but then Neil Franklin had Thornton well tabbed in the Inter-League game, so I suppose the wilying non-stop Houston must have looked a natural.

—(London Express Service.)

Home Football

London, Apr. 19.—The results of soccer games played today were:

First Division
Wolhampton 0 Sheffield U. 0
Aston Villa 1 Sunderland 1

Second Division
Coventry C. 1 W. Bromwich 0
Sheffield W. 0 Chesterfield 0

Third Division (Northern)
Bradford C. 2 Accrington S. 2
Third Division (Southern)
Torquay U. 2 Crystal Pal. 0
Fourth Division
Third L. 3 Hibernian 2

—Reuter.

Boston Marathon
Boston, Apr. 20.—Karl Gosta Landersten of Sweden won the Boston marathon yesterday, in two hours, 31 minutes, 50.8 seconds.

He finished half a mile ahead of V. Dyrgal of New York, while Lou White, Boston negro star, placed third.—Associated Press.

Mister Conquest

WANT YOU TO SEE MY SCORPIONS? GORGEOUS CREATURES—AND THEIR OWN BUSINESS, SENOR CONQUEST. WHEN THESE PATENT CROSS, THEY GO TO THE DEATH—AND GIFT THEY ARE WELL EQUIPPED...

...DOESN'T THIS...
...SCORPION MAINTAINS IT'S STING HAS A SIMILAR EFFECT TO STRYCHNINE—GUARD PAIN FOLLOWED BY NUMBNESS AND FREQUENTLY—DEATH

REALLY? THEN PERHAPS YOU CAN TELL ME SOMETHING I'VE ALWAYS WANTED TO KNOW?

IS IT TRUE THAT SCORPIONS RINGED WITH FEAR, BITE THEMSELVES TO DEATH?

SHOULD NOT COUNT ON THAT IF I WERE YOU, SENOR...

—(London Express Service)

USA v. Argentina



Eric Pedley (1), of the United States Polo team, swings at the ball in an attempted goal which was wide in the 3rd chukker of the game between the United States team and the Venado Tercero team of Argentina for the World's Championship at Los Angeles.

Bearing down on the ball are George Oliver (2) (left foreground) and Aidan Roark (4) (black band on hat) both of the American team. Behind them left to right are the Argentines: J. Cavanagh (1); Ruiz Guinazo (2); E. Alberdi (3); and J. C. Alberdi (4). The United States won the game 10 to 9.—AP Wirephoto.

Dempsey Favours Foreign Fighters

By CORNELIUS RYAN

New York, Apr. 19.—Jack Dempsey believes that competent foreign fighters will play an important part in helping American professional boxing regain its prewar status.

"It is good to bring the European fighters to America," he said. "They make the American boys work harder and that's good for boxing. The Europeans are willing to put everything they have into fighting, because if they make good they will make amounts of money they could not possibly have earned in their home towns. With good foreigners in the ring, the American fighters will have to train harder and work harder to meet the competition."

Dempsey practices what he preaches. He imported the heavyweight, Jo Weidman, who has had only indifferent success, the French middleweight, Laurent Dauthuille, who has been impressive at Montreal, and his latest importation is Elis Ask, Finnish featherweight.

ENTHUSIASTIC

The former heavyweight champion is enthusiastic about Ask.

"He can punch with either hand and he's a pretty good boxer for his limited experience. He has no marks after 23 fights, which shows he can move and block."

"I won't try to change his style—I don't believe in doing that. I will just try to develop his weak points into strong points," Dempsey continued.

"Ellis is a busy kid in the ring, and that kind of fighter is good for the fight game."

Dempsey obviously was sincere as he talked to the press at a cocktail party at his Broadway restaurant during which the likeable Ask met the boxing writers.

"Sometimes it is a handicap for a boxer to have me as one of his handlers," said Dempsey. "People expect too much of a man Dempsey has—they think the kid should win all his fights with a one-punch knockout."

Ask is not under ironclad contract to Dempsey.

"I don't believe in tying up a fighter to one outfit," Dempsey explained. "The fighters should be free to go where they can get the most money. That kind of promotional competition makes for good fights which will draw big gates and that is good for boxing."—United Press.

The Frenchman proved only a moderate fighter with little to offer and he covered up and retreated throughout the earlier rounds.

Sands found difficulty in penetrating Caboché's defence, but there was little doubt that the Frenchman was out-classed in what boxing was seen. He received plenty of applause from the crowd for a plucky display.

BORED
Sections of the crowd became bored with the poor fight and apart from whistling and shouting some called for Danny Kaye to give them some excitement. The famous American comedian was in a ringside seat.

The Frenchman's bobbing and weaving made him a difficult target, but he had no punch that could be termed dangerous. In fact both boxers landed many times, but there was no sign that either was in danger of taking a count.

Caboché did show signs of nose bleeding in the eighth round, but he had not indicated that Sands would be a worthy opponent for the world champion, Marcel Cerdan.—Reuter.

HKFC TEAM

The following will represent the HKFC against Royal Navy today on the Club ground, kick-off 5.30 p.m.

Captain: Fowler. Strangers: Waller, Forrow, Beck, Henderson, Main, Nelson, Kiernan, Bickford.

—(London Express Service)

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

Yankee Power Turns Back Washington

New York, Apr. 19.—Gatekeeper Charlie Latham, himself an old Major Leaguer, watched Ed Barrow lay a wreath on the bronze memorial to Babe Ruth in centre field today, then with tears in his eyes said, "Out there—there lies the old Yankee power."

For eight and two-thirds innings of today's opener with Washington Senators it seemed as if Latham was right. For there was no boom in the Yankee lineup as in those glorious days of yore, those days of Ruth and Lou Gehrig, whose monument previously had been set up in centre field.

But with the score tied two all and two out in the ninth, up stepped Tommy Henrich, one of the few remaining symbols of the old time Yankee power, and he blasted a homer into the right field seats to make it a 3-2 Yankee victory.

Earlier, Ed Robinson had homered for Washington, and it looked like extra innings as Ed Lopat and Sid Hudson settled down into a determined duel. Lopat gave up eight hits and Hudson nine.

TIGERS WIN
Power from a new generator sparked Detroit Tigers as green-horn Johnny Groth blasted two homers in a 5-1 triumph for lefty Hal Newhouser over White Sox at Detroit. Newhouser, who won 21 games last year, pitched a three-hitter to gain his fourth straight opening day victory. Aaron Robinson, his battery mate who was with White Sox last year, also hit a homer and two runs in the second that gave Prince Hal all the lead he needed.

At Philadelphia, lefty Lou Brissie scored his second straight opening day triumph over Red Sox, holding them to seven hits, six of them singles. Loser Joe Dobson was tagged for 10 hits including a homer by Eddie Joost that gave Brissie his winning margin.

Once again Bobby Feller fired blank bullets. He was no puzzle to Browns, who batted him out after two innings in a 5-1 victory over world champion Indians at St. Louis. The one-time mound master was just another hurler as Ned Garver took the laurels.

INCREDIBLE
The incredible Rip Sewell, who at 41 is pitching the best ball of his life, hexed his best

Epsom Starters
London, Apr. 19.—The probable runners and jockeys for the City and Suburban Handicap, to be run over one and a quarter miles at Epsom tomorrow, number 11.

They are: Impeccable (Gordon Richards), Hope Street (Edgar Britt), Rear Admiral (D. Robertson), Native Heath (Eph Smith), Mighty Maharratta (C. Smirke), Ten Spot (Douglas Smith), Liberator (Light (G. Gossling), Performance (Billy Cook), Alzirene (H. Packham), Donbar (S. Grant-hurst), and Humming Bird (C. Orton).—Reuter.

LAWN BOWLS ENTRIES
Nine teams have entered the First Division of the Hongkong Lawn Bowls League, 10 in the Second Division and six in the Third Division.

Club de Recreio have entered four teams, Kowloon CC three teams and the KBGC will probably enter three.

The following are the entries:

FIRST DIVISION
Club de Recreio "A" and "B", Craighower CC, Kowloon BGC, Kowloon CC, Kowloon Docks Club, Indian RC, Police RC and Hongkong CC.

SECOND DIVISION
Club de Recreio, Craighower CC, Kowloon CC, Indian RC, Police RC, Kowloon Docks Club, Taihook Club, Kowloon BGC.

THIRD DIVISION
Club de Recreio, Prison Officers' Club, Hongkong Electric RC, Kowloon CC, Hongkong CC, and Kowloon BGC. (tentative).

Basketballers From Canton In Match Today
Basketball fans will see a strong Canton team in action at Caroline Hill this evening when the "Reds" of the Southern Commercial College of Canton meet the Black Cats, one of the "A" Division teams in the Hongkong Basketball League, in a friendly tilt. The game will start at 7 p.m.

This will be followed by another friendly between the "Blues" of the Southern Commercial College and South China Athletic Association's "B" Division team.

TODAY'S SOCCER FIRST DIVISION
Police v. S. China "B" Boundary Street, 5.45 p.m.; Reference: J. Ward; Linesmen: W. Gibson and H. Richardson.

Club v. Navy Club, 5.45 p.m.; Reference: R.M. Omar; Linesmen: Sgt. Manson and P. L. C.

SECOND DIVISION
Dockyard v. Solicitors' Navy, 5.45 p.m.; Reference: Lt. Davey. Kio's v. v. Talkoo; Army "I", 5.45 p.m.; Reference: Lal Duen-po.

CIVILIANS' TEAM:
The following will represent the Civilians v. the Royal Navy in the Quadrangular Hockey Tournament to be played on the Navy Ground, King's Park at 5.30 p.m. tomorrow: G. Moss (HK Police); Nery (Recreio); Van Der Voort (Dutch HC); Leen, Tye Hin (HKU); W. Repd, Captain (Recreio); H. Haggard, Singh (Jhalami); J. Soares (Recreio); Yusuf (HK Police); E. Fowler (CS); P. Rull (C & W); and H. Xavier (C & W).

Reserves: G. S. Cannon (CS); A. M. Alves (Recreio); K. (BGC); R. Marques (Recreio). Colours: White.

Those who are unable to play are requested to communicate with Mr A. E. P. Guest, Tel. 21280, Res. 57897.

THE SCORES
Today's scores were:

American League
Boston 1 1 0
Philadelphia 3 0 0
Red Sox: p. Dobson, Ferris; c. Tebbetts.

Athletics: p. Brissie; c. Rosar
Chicago 1 3 1
Detroit 0 7 0
White Sox: p. Gebrian; c. Tipton.

Tigers: p. Newhouser; c. Robinson.
Washington 2 8 0
New York 3 9 0
Senators: p. Huse; c. Evans.

Yankees: p. Lopat; c. Niarhos.
Cleveland 1 7 2
St. Louis 5 8 1
Indians: p. Feller, Wynn, Garcia, Paige; c. Hegan.

Browns: p. Garver; c. Lollar, Moss.
National League
Philadelphia 3 7 0
Boston 4 4 1
Phillies: p. Simons, Trinkle; c. Lopat.

Braves: p. Spain, Potter; c. Masi.
Philadelphia (nightcap) 2 9 2
Boston 11 12 2
Phillies: p. Meyer, Donnelly, Bicknell; c. Wagner.

Braves: p. Bickford; c. Salkeld.

HOCKEY FIXTURES
QUADRANGULAR TOURNAMENT
Thursday, April 12
Civilians v. Navy; King's Park, RNRC (1), 5.30 p.m.; Umpires: S/Gdr. Pndley and F/Sgt. Connolly.

Friday, April 22
RAF v. HK Police; Kat Tak, 5.30 p.m.; Umpires: S.B.P.O. Yeomans and A.M. Silva.
Khalisa v. YMCA; Sookunpoo, 5.30 p.m.; Umpires: G.T. Palmer and E.R.A. Miller.

INTERNATIONALS
Saturday, April 23
India v. Scotland; King's Park, RNRC (1), 3.30 p.m.; Umpires: Yeo Sigs Gdr and F.E. Xavier.

Sunday, April 24
Portugal v. Pakistan; King's Park, RNRC (1), 10 a.m.; Umpires: A.E.P. Guest and Captain Chisnell.

All umpires are requested to confirm by phone (3030) Ext. 117) as soon as possible. Secretaries are requested to ensure prompt attendance of their teams. A maximum of ten minutes delay will be allowed. Will umpires please notify result as soon as possible; after the match.

RUGBY UNION
Bath 3, Leicester 8.
Bradgate and Alblon 0.
Coventry 0.
Cardiff 6, Northampton 15.
Llanelli 3, Welsh Universities 6.
Newport 5, Barbarians 6.
Pontypool 10, Devonport Services 0.
Stroud 6, Notts 6.
Newbridge 24, Birmingham 6.
Aberavon 20, London University 11.
Exeter 14, Bridgend 8.
Lynne 8, Gloucester 0.
Maesteg 6, Nuneaton 3.
Penzance and Newlyn 5.
St. Thomas's Hospital 3.

RUGBY LEAGUE
Bradford Northern 11, Wakefield Trinity 5.
Castleford 6, Bailly 12.
Halifax 6, Liverpool Stanley 6.
Huddersfield 40, Featherstone Rovers 7.
Leeds 46, Hull 11.—Reuter.

Schoolboys Back Home
The combined St. Joseph's and La Salle Colleges soccer team returned to the Colony by PAL aircraft yesterday after their goodwill tour of the Philippines, where they played five friendly matches against local teams.

At the airport, the team looked fresh and did not show any signs of fatigue after their gruelling tour. Indeed, they looked very cheerful and happy for they won four of the five games and managed a draw in the last match.

The Rev. Brother Cronan, of St. Joseph's who was in charge of the team, told Pressmen they had a very pleasant trip, but the heat at this time of the year was rather tiring.

Asked if he had any ideas about sending a further team to Manila in the future, Brother Cronan said he hoped that it would be possible during the Christmas holidays and that track and field exponents would be included.

The Manila Press praised the team in their comments and said that it was the best type of combination which should be encouraged to come over to Manila whenever possible because of the immeasurable good that they could do in improving the technique of the local players.

Fastlane Lim, coach of the NCAA champion team, commented that the visitors would even clean-up the leading teams in the Manila Football League's bracket from the Turba Salva down to the Nomads. He added that the Hongkongites were even superior to last year's inter-team in Manila.

Of the five matches played in Manila the results were: beat National University, 7-1; Letham 1-0, San Beda 4-2; La Salle (Manila) 1-0, and drew with the Manila Combined Team, 1-1.

British Car Sets Record
Indianapolis, Apr. 19.—A British Austin car today broke the record for seven days on the Indianapolis Speedway. Unofficially, the mileage for the seven days was 11,875, giving an average of 70.88 miles per hour.

The previous record was 68.58 miles per hour, made by a Studebaker in 1928 on the Indianapolis track.

The last hour of the test was marred by a broken timing chain. Mechanics worked desperately to repair the car before the finishing time but failed.

Despite this, all records were broken unofficially. The record is subject to official checking. Almost half the time of the test was run in rain and snow.

—Reuter.

Rugger Results
London, Apr. 19.—Results of rugby football games played today were:

POCKET CARTOON

TESTING
ROCKETSU.S. To Choose The
Woomera Site

Sydney, Apr. 19.—The United States is "certain" to select Australia's Woomera rocket range for tests, according to the Canberra correspondent of the Sydney Morning Herald, quoting an authoritative source in the Federal capital.

He said the Commonwealth defence authorities are preparing for the American use of the Woomera range as "a testing ground for rockets with atomic warheads."

The correspondent added that the United States' acceptance of the range for the tests is "certain. The Woomera range covers an extensive desert area of Central Australia."

Authoritative sources in Canberra were quoted as saying that Central Australia is the only suitable area outside Siberia for a 3,000-mile rocket firing range.

SECRET TESTS

American and Australian observers have already inspected Woomera, which is now being substantially extended. It was said, "Islands in the Indian Ocean will be used as reporting stations for rockets fired from Woomera," the Herald said, and a major spotting station will be established on Christmas Island, about 2,000 miles from the firing base.

The newspaper said the American tests would be carried out in the utmost secrecy. It was understood that American scientists, technicians, and rocket and atomic equipment would be flown direct to Woomera in big transport aircraft.

The heavy equipment would come in by sea, probably crated up as farm equipment and heavy machinery.

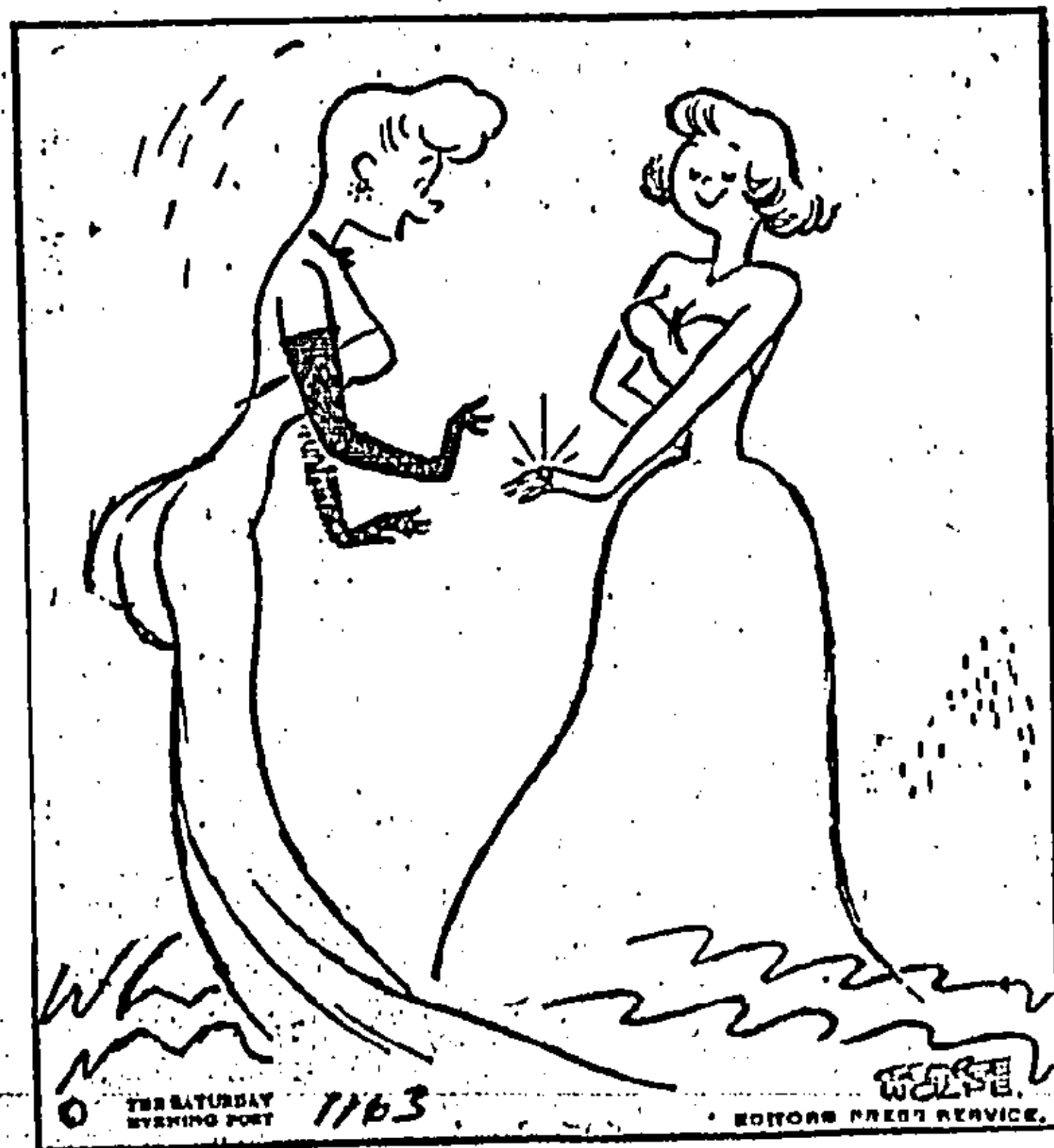
According to the Herald, the United States is not expected to establish a permanent base in Australia. The correspondent added: "It is regarded as significant that Britain's lead in atomic science, Professor Oliphant, will arrive in Australia in July."—Reuter.

Graziani's
Grave Illness

Rome, Apr. 19.—Former Marshal Rodolfo Graziani, ill in prison here for some weeks, is to be transferred to a military hospital because of the gravity of his condition, the military authorities said today.

It is understood that he suffered a stroke last week which paralysed his left side.

The former Marshal's trial on charges of collaboration with the Germans began before a special civil tribunal in October, but after more than five months the court declared itself incompetent and ordered a trial by a military tribunal.—Reuter.

Wants P.I. Consulates
Closed In
AustraliaNEW MOVE IN
GAMBOA CASE

New York, Apr. 19.—Philippine Congressman Jose Topacio Nueno said today he was cabling Manila tonight urging the closure of the Philippine Consulates in Australia in retaliation for the barring of Sergeant Lorenzo Gamboa.

Senator Nueno is a member of the Foreign Relations Committee of the Philippines Congress and at present is serving with the delegation to the United Nations General Assembly.

He told the United Press that Australia's racial policies and apparent United States determination to rehabilitate Japanese industry are among the biggest Pacific issues currently worrying Filipinos.

He said he has suggested that the Philippines offer the United Nations a solution which would bind all members to a "system of reciprocal immigration laws" as a means of combatting what he called "violations of the Charter such as have been perpetrated by that so-called democratic nation, Australia."

It is ironic, Mr. Nueno said, that Dr. Herbert V. Ewart, President of the General Assembly and one of the authors of the Charter should be the representative of the nation which violates the Charter.

U.S. Troops
Withdraw In
Mock War"Saboteurs" Gain
Successes

Heidelberg, Apr. 19.—Seventy thousand United States troops with 1,200 tanks and armoured vehicles fell back today in the face of an imaginary 100,000-strong "aggressor force" attacking the American zone of Germany from the east.

In the first phase of the American Occupation Army's full-dress spring manoeuvres, two Germans, working as mock "saboteurs," "blew up" an important railway connection at the Mannheim Ordnance Depot within 75 yards of posted sentries, an Army spokesman disclosed.

The two Germans dressed as workmen by American intelligence teams—who plan "many surprises" for the defending troops—succeeded in placing and exploding dummy bomb charges at the Depot.

Watched by foreign military observers, the American "defenders" will continue their strategic withdrawal until tomorrow night, when they will fan out for a counter-attack.

Flames of the imaginary aggressor force maintained air superiority today and the 100 defensive aircraft were limited to interception and photo reconnaissance missions.

A huge briefing map in the "war room" headquarters of the United States Army in Europe pin-points the headquarters of the "First Aggressor Army" at Prague.

American officers insisted that there is no political significance to the reference. They pointed out that in last year's manoeuvres the Army placed the headquarters of the theoretical aggressor near Metz, France.—Reuter.

FIRE ON TENDER

Cork, Eire, Apr. 19.—A fire broke out in the Cork Harbour tender Blarney today while the vessel was bringing 200 passengers ashore from the American liner Washington.

No one was hurt but 200 mailbags were affected.—Reuter.

Conference Will
Seek To Remove
Europe's Barriers

London, Apr. 19.—Plans to break down currency, trade and travel barriers between the countries of Europe will be discussed by nearly 300 delegates at a European Movement Economic Conference, opening here tomorrow.

The highlight of tomorrow's plenary session will be a speech by Britain's wartime leader, Mr. Winston Churchill, one of the Movement's four Presidents of Honour. Other speakers will be M. Leon Jouhaux, Chairman of the Force Ouvriere of the Confederation Generale du Travail of France, and President of the International Council of the European Movement; and M. Paul Van Zeeland, former Belgian Prime Minister and President of the Economic League for European Co-operation.

Significant of the recognized influence of the European Movement is the fact that Mr. A. V. Alexander, the Minister of Defence, will welcome the delegates on behalf of the Government.

Observers in London recall that the Labour Government decided on what was tantamount to a boycott of The Hague Congress in 1948, when the Movement was created out of dis-jointed organisations campaigning for European unity.

The ultimate economic objectives of the European Movement will be fully thrashed out at this week's conference, which will last until April 25. These include:

TRAVEL RIGHTS

1.—That the currencies of European nations shall be freely inter-changeable.

2.—That Europeans shall have the right to travel freely in Europe.

3.—That Europeans shall have the right to sell their services freely anywhere in Europe.

4.—That goods produced by Europe shall be freely available to all European people.

Delegates representing 21 countries were arriving today, as the International Economic and Social Section of the Movement was already in private session preparing the ground-work for the talks.

Two American economists, and Professor Blend, an Australian, were also due to attend. The countries represented include Austria, Belgium, Denmark, Luxembourg, Norway, Sweden, Turkey, France, Italy, Britain, Greece, The Netherlands and the Western Zones of Germany.

Though unofficial in the sense that it is divorced from Government, the European Movement is influential and observers expect that Germans will closely study the recommendations by this week's conference.

The subject of Communism is not on the agenda, but it is likely to form a strong undercurrent to the discussions since any planning of a free European economy must pay attention to the countries of Eastern Europe. Emigre, anti-Communist representatives of Bulgaria, Czechoslovakia, Hungary, Poland, Rumania and Yugoslavia have been invited. The British Government will hold a reception for the delegates at the end of tomorrow's plenary session.

On subsequent days, the conference will split into committees. A public meeting will be held on April 23, with Sir John Anderson, a former Chancellor of the Exchequer, as Chairman. Plenary sessions will occupy the last three days of the conference.—Reuter.

Meteor Jet Plane
Crashes

Ludgershall, Wiltshire, Apr. 19.—A United States Air Force pilot was believed to have been badly injured after his Meteor jet plane crashed near here tonight. The pilot, whose name was given as Lieutenant Colonel Richard Orr, was taken to Tidworth Military Hospital. Lieutenant Colonel Orr is attached to the Fighter Command.—Reuter.

The UN In
SessionArms For
Atlantic
AlliesAcheson To Make
A Report

Washington, Apr. 19.—Mr. Dean Acheson, the U.S. Secretary of State, will give the Senate Foreign Relations Committee a report on Thursday on the American plans to arm her North Atlantic Allies.

The Chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, Senator Tom Connally, said today that the Committee will meet in a secret session to hear Mr. Acheson and will decide on a date for hearings on the Atlantic Treaty.

He said that, while the Senators will hear about the arms project in private, there is no intention of making details public at the present time.

Senator Connally added that when the Senate reaches the point of ratifying the Treaty then it can discuss about the arms programme. He indicated that the arms project may not be made public until the Treaty is ratified.

Senator Connally said the Security Alliance "would be a good enterprise" even if there was no arms programme for the members.

There has been some talk that the Treaty will not be brought before the Senate for ratification until most of President Truman's domestic legislation is out of the way. Senator Connally said, however, that he does not want to delay the Treaty too long.

"We will try to edge in the Treaty somewhere," he declared.—Reuter.

Members of the U.S. delegation to the UN General Assembly sit in various poses at the initial session at Flushing Meadow Park, New York, Front row, left to right, are: Mrs. Eleanor D. Roosevelt; Philip C. Jessup; John Foster Dulles; Warren R. Austin, delegation chairman; and Secretary of State Dean Acheson. Third from right in second row is Erwin D. Canham of Boston, alternate delegate.—AP Picture.

Supports Wait &
See Policy

New York, Apr. 19.—Senator Tom Connally, Chairman of the Foreign Relations Committee, told reporters today that the United States could do little at present to halt the Communist march in China.

He agreed with the Secretary of State, Mr. Dean Acheson, that the best thing to do was "to wait and see." He said his Committee was giving the right-of-way to the North Atlantic Security Treaty with hearings expected to start in May.

The Committee had no plans to consider further aid to China.—Reuter.

PROMPT ACTION
SAVES CARGO

Sydney, Apr. 19.—A cargo of timber and fuel oil was saved when a fire, which broke out on the 5,000-ton Swedish motorship Kockab, here last night, was brought under control by the city's fire brigade within 30 minutes of its arrival.

The quarters of the crew were damaged and some belongings of the crew destroyed. The seven men on board were unharmed, and the cause of the fire was unknown.—Reuter.

Film Strikers
To Go Back
To Work

London, Apr. 19.—The 150 electricians at the Denham and Pinewood film studios, whose 11-day-old strike caused the dismissal of 1,500 other workers and held up work on Britain's first State-aided film, will return to work tomorrow, the Rank organisation, which owns the studios, announced today.

The firm said they had agreed to meet representatives of the men's union on Thursday at the Labour Ministry and would withdraw the notices of dismissal from the other 1,500 workers.

The strike began on April 8 over the dismissal of one member of the Electrical-Trades Union.

Mr W. Stevens, General Secretary of the union, said that if the results of the meeting with the employers were not satisfactory, the union's Executive "will obviously be prepared to withdraw labour again."—Reuter.

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Death Of Rabbi Wise

A PROMINENT ZIONIST

New York, Apr. 19.—Rabbi Stephen Wise, 75-year-old Jewish leader, died here today.

Born in Budapest, Hungary, on March 17, 1947, Dr. Wise was brought to the United States when he was a year old by his parents. His father was Dr. Aaron Wise, who became minister of the Temple of Shalom in New York City.

Dr. Wise was educated in New York public schools and at Columbia University. He began his career at the age of 19 when he was appointed one of the assistants to Dr. Henry Jacobs, rabbi of Madison Avenue Synagogue. Within the year he became head of the synagogue.

He was only 23 when he declined the post of rabbi of the Temple El Emanuel, whose congregation was one of New York's richest.

Instead, he decided to have a synagogue of his own and in 1907 established the "Free Synagogue" with the backing of Mr. Henry Morgenthau and other prominent New Yorkers. He had been rabbi of this organization ever since then.

It was organized as a democratic group with the rabbi given complete freedom in his religious and social work. Dr. Wise figured prominently in the Zionist movement after World War I. He was one of the founders of the Foundation of American Zionists and throughout his career was an ardent spokesman for Zionism in the United States.

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Princess To Visit Italy

London, Apr. 19.—Princess Margaret is going to Italy for a private tour next month. It was learned here tonight. This will be the second trip to the Continent for the Princess, who is 19 next August. It is also the first visit by a member of the Royal Family to an ex-enemy territory since the war. The actual date of her departure has not yet been decided, but it is understood that Princess Margaret will leave early in May, and will spend four weeks in Italy, the main centres of historic and artistic interest.

ULTIMATUM TO WBVS

Rangoon, Apr. 19.—Burmese Government forces, with Maymyo, 35 miles west of Mandalay back in their hands, today issued a 48-hour ultimatum to the White Band Communists inside Mandalay to come outside the city and face them in battle.

The Army challenge said that if the Communists did not come out, and thus avoid battle losses in civilian life and property, the Government troops would assault the city and annihilate them.

The Government appealed to the Buddhist clergy and citizens inside Mandalay to urge the White Band Volunteers to quit the city, around which isolated attacks between the two forces were reported tonight.

The Government's ultimatum tonight said its aircraft had bombed three rebel concentrations in Moumein district villages on the east coast, scoring direct hits. It added that the Communists, with Karen support, were massing for an attack on the Moumein rice centre, 70 miles southwest of Rangoon.—Reuter.

The British Sloop, Amethyst

YANGTSE RIVER DRAMA: HEAVY CASUALTIES

The British naval sloop, Amethyst, attached to the 1st Escort Flotilla, Far East Station, and commanded by Lt-Cdr. B. A. I. Skinner, was shelled by Communist guns from the banks of the Yangtse, about 80 miles from Nanking at 9 o'clock this morning. The ship is aground and it is feared there have been heavy casualties.

The Amethyst, a 1,375-ton Sloop, launched in 1943, was, according to a Reuter message from Shanghai, on what is described as a humane and peaceful mission to Nanking, where she was to relieve HMS Consort in providing protection for British nationals in the threatened Nationalist capital.

In Nanking, adds Reuter, the British Embassy announced at 9.30 a.m., that it had received a signal from the Amethyst to the effect that she was under heavy fire, was aground and had suffered heavy casualties.

The sloop gave her position as east of Kuan, a small village on the north bank of the Yangtse, about 30 miles downstream from Chinkiang.

Naval authorities in Nanking said that the signal was sent under obvious distress.

According to Naval standing orders the Amethyst is believed to have painted a large Union Jack on both sides of the vessel. It is understood that the sloop came under heavy artillery fire about 10 miles east of Kuan, opposite the Communist-occupied island of Kuliang.

The Amethyst left Shanghai yesterday and anchored overnight at Kiangyin, about 82 miles upstream from Wusung. United Press reports that at the moment it has not been

officially determined from which side of the river the shells were fired, but they are presumed to have come from the Communist-held side as the ship's voyage was being made with the consent of the Nanking Government.

TO THE RESCUE

The British destroyer, Consort (1,710 tons) has left Nanking and the frigate, Black Swan, has sailed from Shanghai to carry out urgent rescue operations, take off casualties and to take any other steps necessary.

It is expected it will take these ships 12 hours to reach the scene where the Amethyst is grounded.

It is recalled that at the end of November, last year, when the Communists appeared likely to take Nanking within a matter of days, the Amethyst took a cargo of flour, rice and tinned foods to the Nationalist capital from Hongkong at the request of the British Embassy.

According to Jane's Fighting Ships, the Amethyst was commissioned on May 7, 1943. She has a displacement of 1,375 tons, and is equipped with six 4-in AA guns and eight 2-pounder pomps.

STOP PRESS

HMS Consort Also Comes Under Fire

HMS Consort, which has gone to the rescue of the Amethyst reports that she has been fired on, but that she has suffered no casualties.

The Naval authorities issued the following statement:

It is now known that HMS Amethyst is aground in the Yangtse in a position approximately 30 miles east of Chinkiang.

HMS Consort is in attendance and HMS Black Swan will arrive early Thursday morning.

At present there are no details of casualties in the Amethyst.

HMS Consort reports being fired on, but there were no casualties.

Plan Prepared To Keep India Within Commonwealth

London, Apr. 19.—A compromise plan for keeping India in the British Commonwealth will be placed before the meeting of the Prime Ministers when it convenes on Thursday.

A delegate said that the compromise probably would enable India to stay within the Commonwealth even after India proclaimed herself a republic. He said this would strengthen the Commonwealth that the suggested Pacific pact against aggression would not be necessary.

The Prime Minister, Mr. Clement Attlee, will hold private conversations with each of the visiting delegates before they start their formal work. Mr. Attlee will start by seeing Liaquat Ali Khan of Pakistan and Stephen Senanayake of Ceylon and possibly Daniel Malan of South Africa and Foreign Minister Lester Pearson of Canada. He planned to see Peter Fraser of New Zealand, Joseph B. Chifley of Australia and Jawaharlal Nehru of India on Thursday.

Authoritative Indian quarters were of the opinion that a solution might be found by which India as a republic could stay in the Commonwealth with a president, replacing the Governor-general which the King sends to all Commonwealth countries. Under such a formula, the President could act as the King's representative. The King himself would be recognised as the "first citizen" of the Commonwealth.

The Times suggested that the plight of Burma should be sympathetically considered by the Commonwealth Prime Ministers. The Times said, "Although Burma chose to sever ties with the Commonwealth the state of affairs in that part of the world is still a matter for much concern to a number of Commonwealth countries. Nehru and Liaquat Ali Khan will be able to advise what, if anything, can be done to further a settlement in Burma."—United Press.

DELEGATES ARRIVE

Canada's Foreign Minister, Mr. Lester Pearson, was the first to arrive by plane yesterday. Premier Malan of South Africa arrived today. Pakistan's Foreign Minister Sir Zafrullah Khan was due here by nightfall and the Prime Ministers of Australia, New Zealand, India, Ceylon and Pakistan were due tomorrow.

The last to arrive will be India's Premier Nehru of India, described by Commonwealth relations quarters today as the "Hamlet of the conference," pondering whether India is "to be or not to be" a member of the Commonwealth.

Commonwealth relations officials emphasised that the conference would be a top secret. They described the proceedings as "very ticklish," and said it was doubtful whether any information would be made public until the participating statesmen had returned to their countries.

Official sources said the British government wishes to "maintain as close relations with India as she may desire herself." South African sources believed that the circle of Commonwealth can be widened "by the entry of those who enter on the common basis of free association among self-governing communities."

The British press today pondered over the question and offered no solution. The Conservative Daily Telegraph said, "If India feels her-

Better Late Than Never

London, Apr. 19.—A 76-year-old Royal Marine pensioner, William Gregory, has been awarded the Meritorious Service Medal by the Admiralty 40 years after a China war exploit which earned it.

Mr. Gregory was a corporal in a force of 79 Marines which successfully defended the British Legation at Peking in 1900. Badly wounded in a sortie he was mentioned in despatches and promoted. In the first World War he was in the Royal Marines and in the last war he was in the Home Guard. He has two sons in the Navy.

At the Royal Marine Headquarters in London it was stated that the delay in making the award was not due to forgetfulness. An officer said: "There is only a certain quota of Meritorious Service Medals and the quota is normally filled so that an award cannot be made until a vacancy arises from the death of a holder. The award carries with it a small annuity."—Reuter.

Crown Counsel Asks For Inquiry Into Telephone Company Accounts

"If it were a matter of minor irregularities Government would not make a point of upsetting the arbitration. The intention of my application at this stage is for the arbitrators to exercise their powers under section 40 to enquire into the Telephone Company accounts so that we may know to what extent the charges made have been lawful or unlawful," said Mr. A. Lonsdale, Crown Counsel, when he represented the Government at the Telephone Company—Hongkong Government Arbitration hearing which commenced in the board room of the S. C. M. Post this morning.

The arbitrators are Mr. J. McNeill and Mr. P. D. A. Chiddell. Instructing Crown Counsel is Mr. L. R. Andrews, Crown Solicitor, while the Telephone Company are represented by Mr. Eldon Patten, K.C., Mr. H. G. Sheldon, K.C., and Mr. D. A. L. Wright, instructed by Mr. R. A. Wadeson, of Messrs Deacons.

Mr. Percy Chen, instructed by Mr. W. H. Young, is holding a watching brief on behalf of Ng Fuk-chu, Yau Sun, the Star Hotel Ltd., Chuen Yee Hong, Ku Chok-lun, F. Au Sun, Wong Tai-chiu and Hui Kwai-sho, all members of the Preparatory Committee of the Hongkong Chinese Reform Association.

In his opening, Mr. Lonsdale dealt with a point arising from a communication to Government from the Chairman of Directors of the Telephone Company. Counsel said that in 1945 the pre-war rates and charges under the Telephone Ordinance were in force, and as a result of an application made by the Company the charges were increased under the Defence Regulations, not by amendment of the Ordinance or by the Governor-in-Council. A 50 percent increase was gazetted by the British Military Administration in February of that year. In 1947 the Company represented again that the rates and charges were insufficient to provide the profit which the Company considered reasonable and they supplied accounts in support of the application. After some negotiations, Government offered an increase in rates and charges for business telephones amounting to a 75 percent increase on the pre-war rates. The Company refused this offer and after negotiations Government offered a 90 percent increase for business telephones but this was not accepted by the Telephone Company.

ACCOUNTS ANALYSED

Mr. Lonsdale said that Government then asked for

further figures. During this period a number of accounts had been submitted and the account for the first half-year of 1948 was supplied. On consideration of these further figures by Government and on analysis it was found in Government's view that the profits which were being made were sufficient as not to justify the original offer of 90 percent increase on business telephones which had been put forward by Government. At this stage negotiations broke down and the Company advised them that they were going to arbitration.

Crown Counsel said that throughout this time Government had been working on the assumption, and a justified assumption, he submitted, that the accounts which were being supplied concerned purely lawful charges. It was at this stage that a communication was made by the Government to the Company that it had some suspicion that some of the rates and charges were not in conformity with the Defence Regulations or the Telephone Ordinance. It was brought to the attention of the Company's advisers in a roundabout fashion through the solicitors of the Company. It was assumed in the correspondence that the figures of rates supplied in the accounts of the Company were based entirely on charges which the Company could lawfully make to subscribers under the Telephone Ordinance.

COMPANY'S REPLY

Government asked the solicitors of the Company for confirmation of this assumption and the reply given was neither an admission nor a denial. The last paragraph of the letter to Government, said Counsel, stated that the solicitors felt that the request was tantamount to asking their advice to the company on figures which they had not as yet had an opportunity to consider.

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EDITORIAL

Reds Show Their Hand

THE Chinese Communists' original eight demands for peace with the Nationalists have now been extended to a 21-point programme, typical of a party which feels itself strong enough to make a "take it or suffer the consequences" offer. The programme confirms the worst fears of the KMT. While it contains a slight modification in the "war criminals" demand, it is wholeheartedly designed to make the Reds complete masters of the political and military future of China. For example, a coalition government is suggested, but it will be under the strict guidance of the Communist Party. It envisages a seven-member supreme policy-making council, but again its chairman will be chosen by the Communists. The People's National Assembly will adopt a new constitution, the drafting of which will be in the hands of a Communist-controlled New Political Consultative Council. On the provocative subject of the future of the Army, the Reds have definite ideas: Nationalist troops are to await reorganisation on the lines of the measures adopted in Peiping, which means nothing less than liquidation of the Nationalist forces. And the Navy and Air Force are to be "handed over to the coalition government," which, translated into more realistic terms, means they are to come under the direct control of the Reds. Agrarian reform, if the vague terms of clauses 21 and 22 can be so classed, is to follow the pattern adopted in the Manchuria and North China "liberated" areas, namely, partial confiscation of private property, and, at some unspecified date, the introduction of measures for reducing rentals and interest, and still later, application of the "three mou for each farmer" principle. These, together with the confiscation of properties now

held by Chiang Kai-shek, T. V. Soong, H. H. Kung, Chen Li-fu and Chen Ku-fu, are the chief features of the Communists' domestic programme. The only clue to their foreign relations policy is contained in a clause which demands repudiation of a number of Sino-American agreements, the majority of which are post-war pacts, and rendition to the coalition government by the United States of "imperialistic" rights. These two conditions could be regarded as a sign that the Chinese Reds are willing to toe the Soviet line in its foreign policy, though it has to be observed that they are, at present, only directed against the United States. Nevertheless, if they were to represent the foreign relations policy of a Chinese coalition government operating under the aegis of the Communists, there would be no cause for the Western Powers generally to congratulate themselves on having to deal with such an administration. Mao Tse-tung's 21-point programme as a basis for a peace conference has still to be officially announced and Nanking's reactions known thereto. The conditions are severe and the constitution of the so-called coalition government will fool nobody. The only question of doubt which now arises is whether Li Tsung-jen and his colleagues are prepared to accept the Communist terms, or withdraw whatever Nationalist forces remain to the South in an effort to thwart the Reds from imposing their will there. The Communists' terms are tantamount to an unconditional surrender challenge, seemingly intended to indicate the Reds' confidence in themselves, and also to force Nanking into making a rapid decision. The odds are, however, that peace negotiations, as such, will break down.

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WOMANSENSE

Black Linen Resorter



By PRUNELLA WOOD

A DISTINGUISHED resort and coming-summer dress is shown here, a smooth, slim silhouette of black linen with small tucks easing the cut above the high corselet waistline and below the joining of sparse flounce to skirt bottom.

The shoulders are neatly and roundly fitted, in harmony with the turned back cuffs and collar. Buttons to the waistline are black bone, and the belt is a leath of black patent leather.

One should let an expert dry cleaner care for this handsome but casual model for its first season, and gain renewed pleasure in it later on when it drops down into just another thin wash dress.

Hearts & Flowers

By ELEANOR ROSS

ENGAGEMENT announcements indicate a bountiful, beautiful crop of Easter and post-Easter weddings. Special occasions, such as an engagement party, offer the ingenious a fine opportunity to turn their talents to good account when doing the decorations. No need to spurge, for a beautiful table does not have to be the result of a big expenditure for either food or flowers. It is good taste and originality that count.

For an engagement announcement party what better theme than hearts and flowers, done according to your interpretation of this sweet theme? Some of the smartest and most successful table decorations use old-fashioned bouquets of fragrant narcissus, daffodils, snapdragons and roses in a pretty frame of metallic lace that suggests the nosegay of yesteryear. Figures of dainty little ceramic doves carrying nosegays of mimosa or marigolds in their bills carry out the romantic theme most suitably.

Cupid Silhouettes

A profusion of Cupid silhouettes and entwined hearts will also do their romantic bit to create the desired setting and sentiment. As for the table flowers themselves, sweetpeas in white and the soft pink and mauve pastel shades combined with deeper tones of the same hue make a colourful arrangement.

A good notion to copy is that of a florist who uses bird cages as a natural background for bouquets of marigolds, purple anemones and flowering yellow forsythia with figurines of lovebirds perched realistically among the gay blossoms. The cages

lend themselves, of course, to all sorts of colour schemes and embellishments, but the best jobs are toned down, leaving the beauty and colour to the flowers.

All this doesn't call for a big outlay for flowers. Beautiful blossoms never look well if they are overdone anyhow. When flowers are just crammed into a container they cannot breathe and literally stifle. And whether you are using flowers for a table setting, for a bouquet or for room adornment, or whether you are enjoying a corsage lent to you by the man in your life, give the flowers loving care.

Sensible Caro

You will help the blossoms to offer their beauty to you and the world for twice as long if you but give them a little sensible care. Drafts are menace to flowers just as they are to humans. A hot electric light bulb or heated radiator will wither your flowers just as it would dry out your skin if you had to stay close to it for any length of time.

When receiving cut flowers, it is wise to cut stems diagonally with a sharp knife, as soon as they are removed from the box. Do not use scissors as the blades tend to crush the stem. The diagonal cut will make it possible for a maximum area to absorb the life-giving water. Place flowers in a bucket of fresh water and make sure that at least half of the stem length of the flowers is under water. Obtainable at the florist shop are tablets that help prolong the life of cut flowers. If directions are properly followed.

HE'S SEEKING BETTER FRAMES FOR PICTURES

By ELIZABETH TOOMEY

ROBERT Holland is framing plans for better planned picture frames on American walls.

Holland, a good-looking young frame designer and maker, claims that one of the most neglected phases of home decoration is picture frames. Good looking pictures are ruined with too-narrow frames, and dismal prints are left in their gloomy state by unimaginative framing.

Holland has managed to improve the frames of his own clients by a new personal service. He goes to their homes or apartments, by appointment, and sees the pictures in the settings where they'll be hung. Then he recommends proper frames, and even suggests more suitable pictures. But for the benefit of the average homeowner who must choose for himself, Holland decided to prepare a booklet of advice. He'd like to distribute it on a national scale, since he firmly believes that ill-framed pictures are a nationwide malady.

Narrow Frames Taboo

Whenever possible, he advises against very narrow frames, even on tiny pictures.

"Try using scoop frames, deep ones, on your miniatures and you'll be delighted with the beautiful results," he said. In a scoop frame the picture is set deep and the frame extends out from it either in a curved or straight line. If the unit were laid face up on a table, the picture would appear to be at the bottom of a rectangular bowl.

Old paintings require simple, solid frames for dignity, but for water colours or photographs Holland specialises in unusual techniques.

THE BODY NEEDS ITS PROTEIN

By HERMAN N. BUNDESEN

WE are familiar with the all-important food part called protein. It is necessary in the diet not only for the repair of worn-out tissues but for building new tissues as well. When the body weight and strength are threatened by disease, the quality of the diet is much more important than the quantity or caloric value. This is especially true in regard to the proteins.

The important proteins come from such foods as meat, milk, eggs, beans, and peas. It is especially important to give the right type of protein foods in sufficient amounts in cases of injury or burns, following surgery, and during chronic or prolonged infections.

Not Proper Food

The amount of protein in the diet may be deficient because the food given is not proper, or because eating is difficult owing to age or to such conditions as ulcer of the stomach, chronic kidney disease, or other illnesses. Sometimes, enough food is eaten, but it is not taken up and used by the body because of vomiting, diarrhoea, bowel infections, or liver disease.

If, for some reason, the amount of protein in the diet is reduced, the water intake should also be reduced, since large amounts of fluids will cause the body to eliminate some of the proteins. Either too much or too little salt is harmful in such cases. There should be about one gram of salt (1/30 of an ounce) in a diet which supplies about 1800 calories a day.

Sufficient protein in the diet will reduce the burden on the liver. It would appear that egg white is an excellent source of protein, as is whole egg and whole milk.

There are certain preparations made up of amino acids which are the substances of which proteins are composed. These should be utilised in special cases, but in a person who can get enough protein food, these substances are, as a rule, unnecessary.

Use of Protein

Among the conditions which interfere with the use of protein by the body are disorders of the blood, glandular disturbances, including diabetes, toxic states, and gout. In the conditions, the protein intake should be carefully controlled and, of course, the proper treatment for the various disorders carried out. Before and after operations, special attention should be given to the protein intake in the diet. As a matter of fact, every day the healthy person should see that his diet contains enough of the right kinds of proteins.

New York. He was one of the first to use wide, dark mats on pictures instead of the traditional margin of white. "A water colour can be made to look larger by using a mat," Holland explained. "And it can be brightened for a dark corner with a light colour or subdued for a bright wall with a darker mat and frame."

Newest Frame Idea

Framed photographs, in the opinion of Holland, are usually extremely dull, except for the sentimental value. He regards fine photography as a 20th century development and believes photographs should be framed accordingly, "rather than in the dull, tasteless manner of the narrow black frame with white mat."

The newest framing idea for modern pictures is the receding frame. The picture is set out from the wall, and the frame slants away from it. Holland does these frames in natural, light woods, antiqued white, and even in frames covered with a fabric to match drapes or slipcovers in a room.

You can plan on spending from \$15 to \$30 to get a frame for a picture measuring about 20 by 24 inches, according to Holland. But his final word of warning is not to think there must be a connection between the price of the picture and the price of the frame.

"A beautiful frame can be put around an inexpensive print and achieve the same decorative effect as if the frame encased a masterpiece," he insisted. "Think of the whole project as a unit, with equal parts picture and frame."

Suave Suit



By VERA WINSTON

SHOWN today, is a cocktail suit good for resort wear now and for gala afternoons in town later on. The fabric is gobardine in a pretty café au lait shade, embellished with bronze beading. The dress top is of tissue faille to tone with beading around the low round neckline and short cup sleeves. The jacket has an extra square collar all-over beaded from underneath the long, rolled collar which terminates in the waist. The pencil-slim skirt is slit at one side. This is a suave suit with detail that is rich without being garish or overdone.

THE SQUARE SKIRT

New York—Now there's a square skirt.

Hattie Carnegie doesn't figure it will actually replace the old-fashioned cylindrical model, but there it is right in her spring made-to-order collection, square as the cowbell she named it for.

The skirt, part of a gray silk alpaca suit, had four straight seams, each stitched to hold its bell when the wearer walked.

Off-centre necklines and diagonal seamings set a slantwise pattern for many of the Carnegie suits. Most skirts were slim, but not tight. Jackets were slims, length with stiffly flared peplums below snugly buttoned waistlines. Many suit necklines were cut wide from the neck and filled in with crisp fabric of white pique or with the tops of the blouse underneath them.

—United Press.

A Hurry-Up Beauty Routine



Courtesy Tussy
For a quick facial, cream your complexion, leave the cosmetic on a few minutes, then remove with cotton that has been dipped in skin freshener.

By HELEN FOLLETT

THERE are times when a girl wants to look her best at short notice. A clang over the telephone, a merry voice speaking, "What she join the gay party?" She's tired as all get out, plans to go to bed early. But she can't turn down that date.

She must decide how the half hour or hour at her disposal must be spent. She can lie down, relax, close her eyes, pull herself together, or she can rest her weary bones in a warm bath. If she has a grain of energy left she will choose the bath with a cold shower for a finish. Before getting into the tub she will wash and cream her face. Cream and moist hot air form a grand combination for banishing pallor. Just before donning the party frock she should remove the cream with a pad of absorbent cotton that has been dipped in skin freshener.

If she has a cap hairdo, little time need be spent on it. Per-

haps her finger nails will need a touch up with polish, but that doesn't take more than a few minutes.

To give herself a new face that will stay fresh through the evening she will do well to use a foundation cosmetic. Rouge can be a bit brighter than that used during the day and, of course, the lipstick should be an exact colour match.

One more suggestion: she must not get fussed and flustered. To dash around looking for this or that. Men don't like a girl that way. They prefer girls who have poise, who take things in their stride, who seem never to be hurried or flustered.

She must not forget to put on a little perfume which is the final touch when one has not into one's head dry goods. A drop behind the ears, a drop in the curves of the arm. But never on the hair, unless the glorious halo has just been shampooed.

Let's Eat

BY IDA BAILEY ALLEN

Tasty Refrigerator Meal

LOOK at these ends and all together until golden brown and puffed up." "Does the batter stay on?" I asked.

No Mystery
"For the most part, Madame, where it slides off, the food shows a little bit, and the man can see what he's eating, so there is no mystery to this way of using left-overs. Et voilà, the 'Fritto Misto'."

This is really a tempting way to use left-overs, I admit. Of course as the foods are deep-fried, they really absorb less fat than when they are sautéed. When the rest of the meal is practically free of fat, we are justified in occasionally preparing left-overs as a Fritto Misto.

Dinner

Lentil Soup Crackers
Fritto Misto (from the Refrigerator)
Tossed Green Salad
Cranberry Apple Sauce
Coffee or Tea Milk (Children)
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Recipes Serve Four

Fritto Misto

Almost any vegetable or left-over meat or fish may be used in preparing the fritters for Fritto Misto. They may be fried in two ways:

In a Sauté or Shallow Frying Pan. To do this, put just enough fat in the frying pan to barely cover the bottom, not quite enough to float the fritters. Heat, and drop in the fritters by tablespoonfuls, keeping them two inches apart, as they spread in cooking. Brown first on one side, then on the other, allowing about 4 min. Drain on crumpled absorbent paper.

In Deep Fat: Heat fat of any kind about 3" deep, until hot enough to brown a bit of bread in a minute, 350 F. Drop in the fritters, and fry until golden brown from 3 to 4 min. Drain on crumpled absorbent paper and serve as directed.

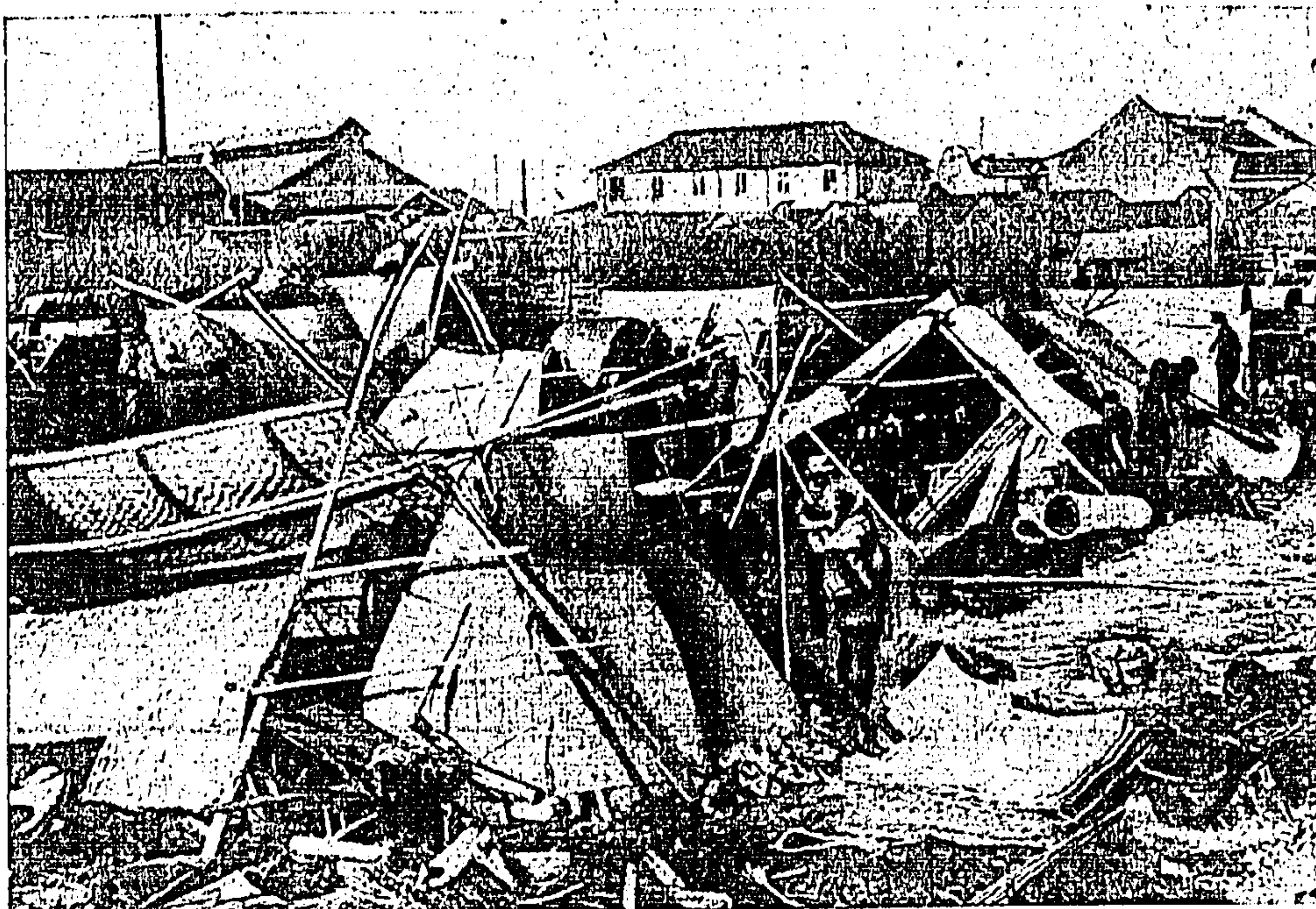
Vegetable Fritter Batter: Mix together 1 c. all-purpose flour and 1/3 tsp. salt. Gradually beat in 1/3 c. milk or water using a hand beater. Separate 2 eggs; beat the whites stiff and the yolks lemon coloured. Stir the egg yolks into the batter; add 1/2 tsp. melted fat, any kind, and fold in the whipped egg whites. Dip in the vegetable; fry as directed.

Vegetables used in this way may include cauliflower, eggplant, squash, cucumber, celery, tomatoes or sliced onions. Green corn kernels, or a combination of diced carrots and celery with peas, or any vegetable combination desired, may be stirred into the batter and fried. I break off the ends, I dip these in the batter and fry the hot deep fat.

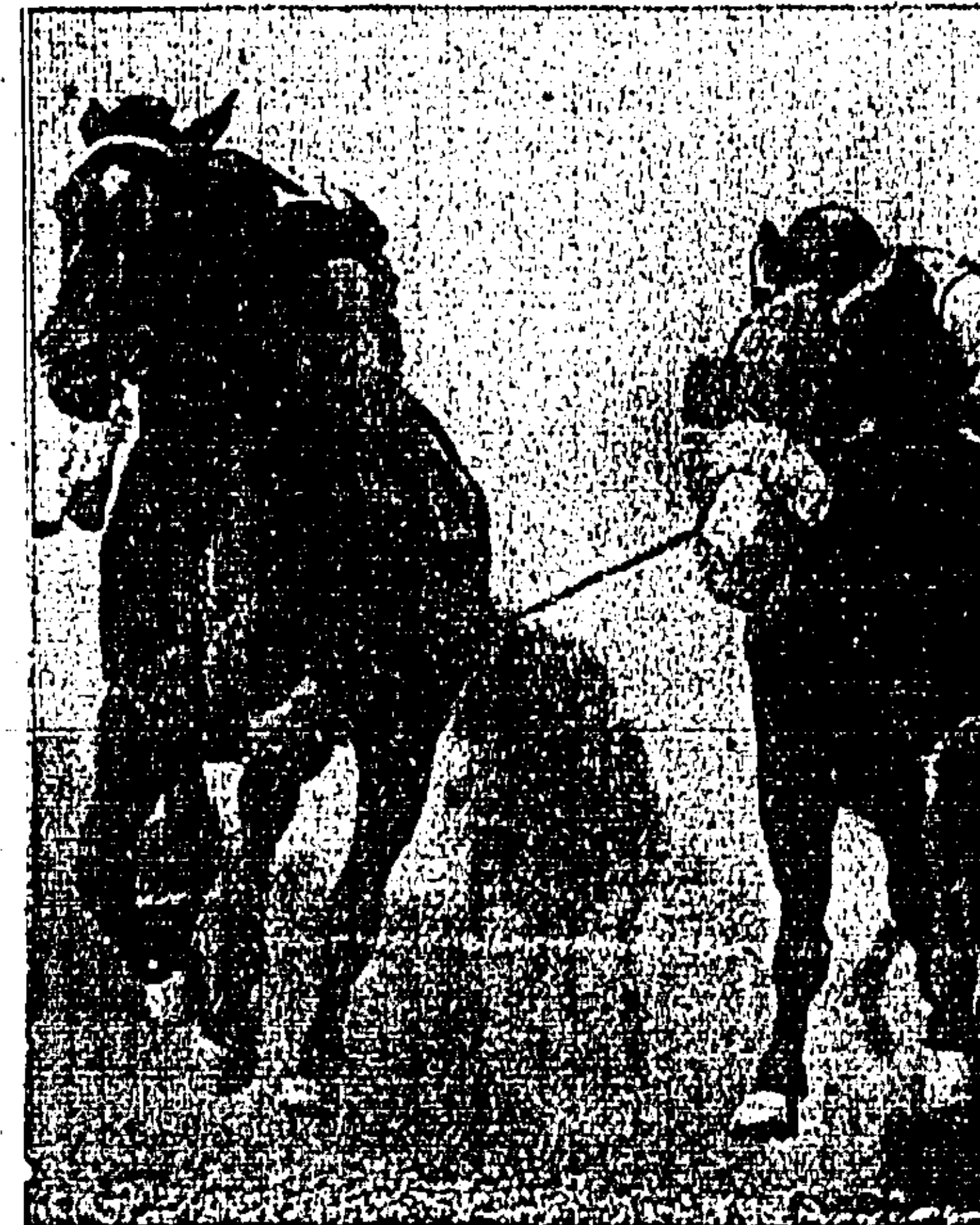
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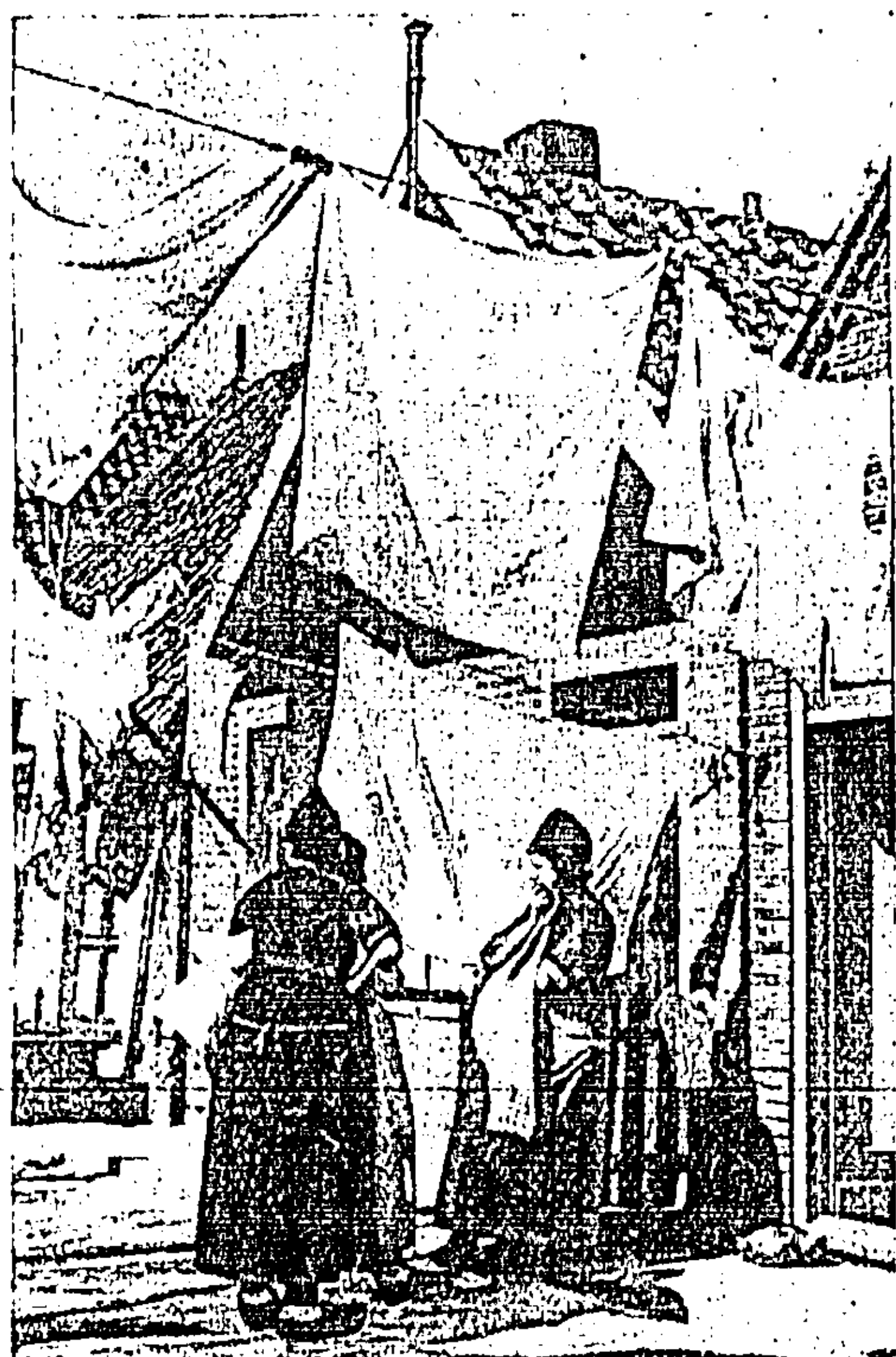
SPRING IS HERE—And with it these young fishermen in northern Idaho have bass for dinner. More than half of the state's population bought fishing permits last year.



MISERY—In already overcrowded Shanghai, starving Chinese refugees build temporary homes wherever they can find sufficient space. These helpless victims of the frequent fires that rapidly destroy their flimsy bamboo-straw huts, pitch in and wearily start rebuilding with the same inflammable materials—which are all they can obtain.



FLYING HOME—With all four hoofs in mid-air, Ramadan, left, jockey W. Zakoor up, comes on to win over Rare Jewel at Tropical Park in Miami. The odds-on favourite was beaten by a nose, despite being ridden by Logan Batcheller, the current leading winner at the Florida meetings.



WASH DAY—A laundry would not find much business in Volendam, Holland, where all the washing is done at home. Hanging out the weekly wash is a social occasion, and these housewives have no use for clothes pegs, preferring to twine the clothes around the line.



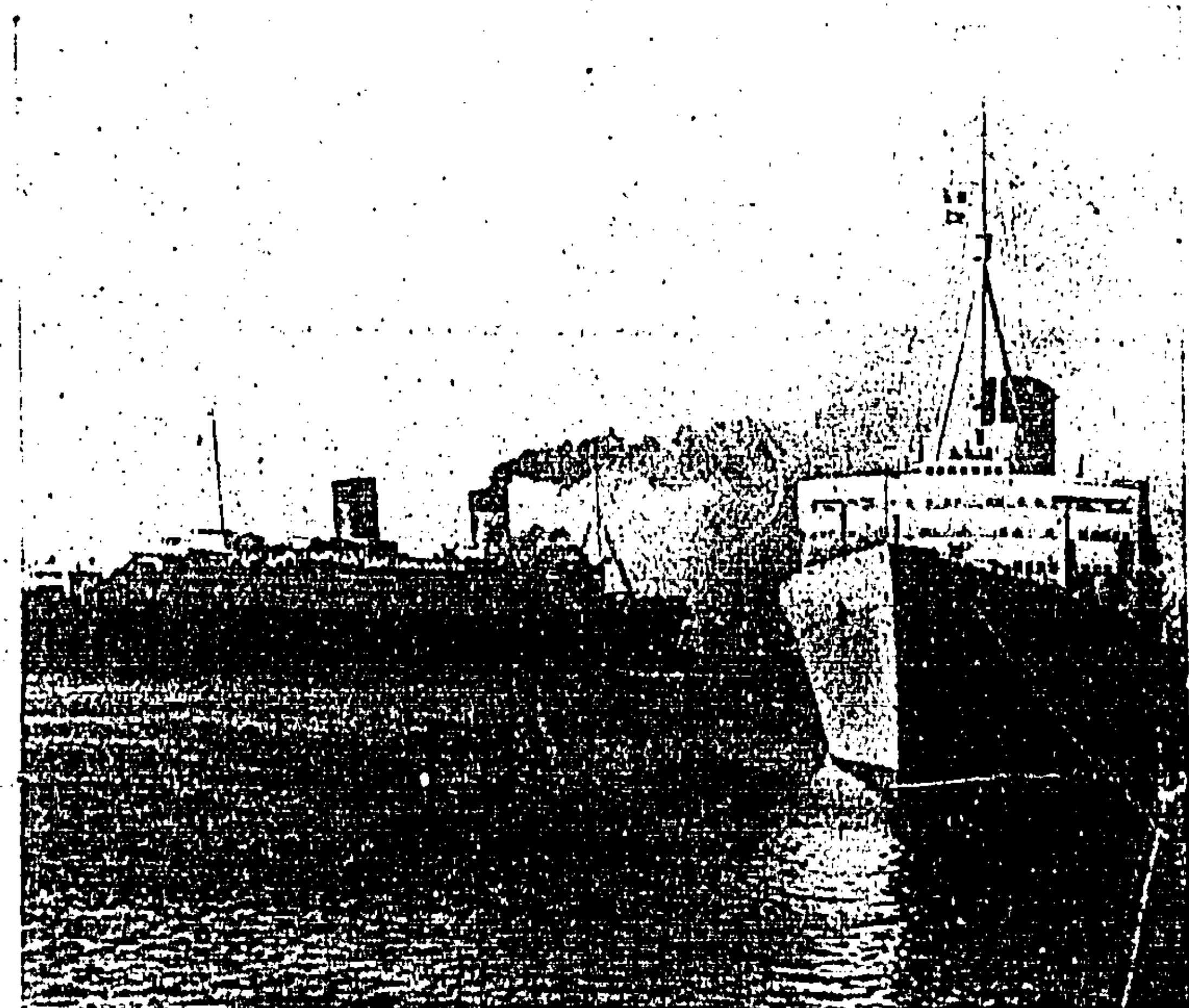
OLD-TIMER—Thirteen-month-old David Doty absorbs the lore of the old railway days from great-grandfather Gifford S. Woods in Oak Park, Illinois. Woods, now 97, who surveyed routings for the Chicago & Eastern Illinois Railroad during the '70s, is almost as old as the 100-year-old line itself. Still agile, he operates a prosperous rail supply business. The car little David is fondling is a far cry from those used on the line during the old days.



NOMINATED—Because no college in New York felt it had a co-ed beautiful enough to enter a film contest for "most beautiful and talented freshman," an independent group at Columbia University nominated Karen Lewis.



WATER THRILLS—Nancy Stilley is getting an exciting ride in Winter Haven, Florida, on Trammell Pickett's sea-going surf-board. While taking a fast turn, Nancy hangs on and grimly hopes for the best. Win or lose, she'll be soaking wet.



LIZ GREET A FRESHMAN—The British liner Queen Elizabeth passes Britain's newest liner, Caronia, while steaming out of Southampton. The Caronia, largest ship built since the end of the war, is the newest Cunard White Star liner.



WINDFALL—When Art Teets and Ward Vickers decided to take a two-year world cruise, they invited the public down to the pier in Wilmington, California. About 1,500 people turned up with tins, sacks and boxes of food. They brought enough to stock the schooner California with supplies to last the entire crew of six for 400 days.

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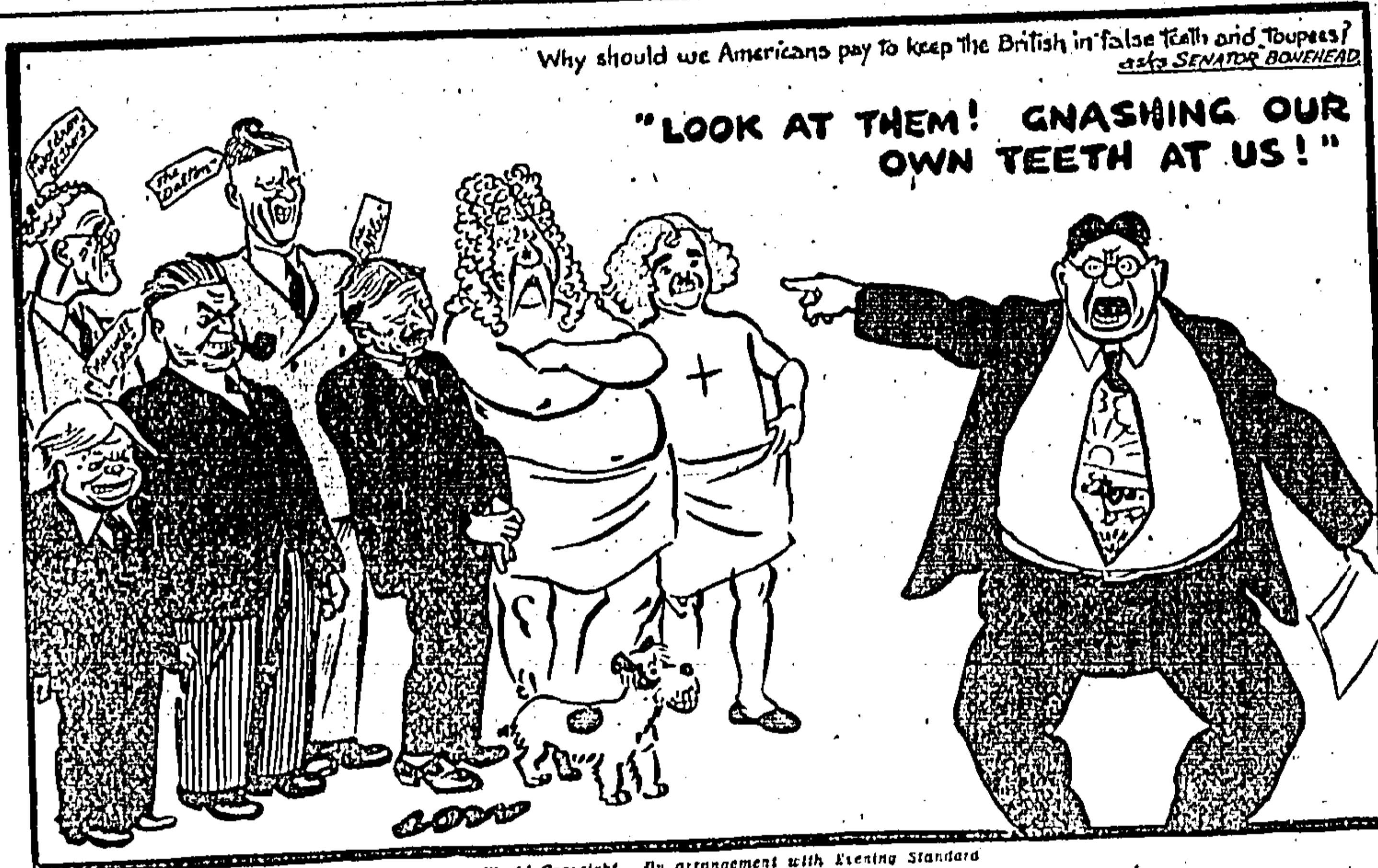
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Sitting on the Fence.... by NATHANIEL GUBBINS

THE Sparrow's wife was crying in one corner of the Nest while the Sparrow scowled, nursing a hangover in the other.

Tears rolled down her cheek, dripping on to the little bit of newspaper she held in her claw.

"What's happened now?" asked the Sparrow. "Is the world on fire or what?"

"Oh, it's too awful," said his wife. "I don't know how I can bear it."

"Bear what?" shouted the Sparrow. "For heaven's sake say what's on that mind you're supposed to have."

"They're so hungry in China," said his wife, dabbing at her eye with a square inch of handkerchief. "That they're eating sparrows' eggs."

"Well, what of it?" asked the Sparrow. "They eat hen's eggs, don't they?"

"But sparrows' eggs. It's as if they were eating your children."

"China's the one place where I'm sure I have no children," said the Sparrow. "It's too far away."

"But suppose it had been one of our very own? Suppose it had been little Ronnie?"

"Our little problem child? It would have saved a lot of trouble if somebody had eaten him when he was an egg."

"Oh, how awful. How could you say such a thing? Poor little Ronnie."

"He'd have poisoned anybody who had eaten him," said the Sparrow. "He was added from the start."

"He was a lovely egg," said his wife, "and a lovely baby." "Screwed from the day he was hatched," said the Sparrow. "Fresh tears poured down his wife's cheek, reducing the little bit of newspaper to pulp."

"Do you think they will ever eat sparrows' eggs over here?" she asked.

"They will if the Ministry of Food keeps on saying Mrs. Hen's eggs are on the way. It's a sure sign that there'll be a shortage."

"But they're supposed to be so fond of birds over here."

"They're supposed to be fond of horses, too. But they're eating them just the same."

"Then I'll smash them all as soon as they're laid. I won't have them eaten."

"Won't have what eaten?" asked the Sparrow. "Do you mean to say you have another tender secret?"

"I always do in the spring," said his wife.

"With all this moaning and groaning another lot of Ronnies, I suppose," said the Sparrow, flying off to the Tree Tops Club for consolation.

men, on whom the main burden of taxation falls, have either refused all work which earns them more than the maximum untaxed wage or have defied the new emigration laws and fled the country.

"THEY reckon there be no money for us this week," says the first centurion. "Nor next week, nor the week after."

"There must be money for our pension," says the second centurion. "Stands to reason."

"No money for no pensions nor nothing. They do say the young fellows won't earn more than £3 a week because if they do the Government they do take it away from us. To pay pensions for the likes of us."

"Well, drat um, that's what I say, drat um."

"Five unred on um escaped last week. Five unred on um. All good taxpayers, too."

"Where they gone to?" "Dunno. Canada maybe. They stowed themselves away aboard the ships, the young varlets."

"Drat um, that's what I say, drat um."

"One on um was arnin thirty pound a week and a-payin twenty seven pound in good tax money. all for the likes of us. But he couldn't see no sense in it."

"Time was when boys looked after the old man. But they don't do it no more."

"They do say it's because the Government takes it off um stand of letting um be to mind their own business. The boys was lookin' arter us old uns when they was a-mindin' their own business."

"Drat um all the same. That's what I say. Drat um."

"They do say with all this yere docterin there's too much of us old uns and not enough of them young uns to pay taxes. So all they wants now is a job of sweepin the streets at £3 a week with no taxes and no head wories."

"Drat um Are they a-shuttin up the post office?" "The postmistress is shuttin up the post office. There's no tax money to pay her wages."

"And who's the young chap a-sweepin of the road?" "That's the income tax man. There's no tax money to pay his wages, neither. So he's a-sweepin of the roads."

"Drat um all, that's what I say. Drat um all."

Awful child wants to know

"DID you see that Mr Blood-sucker, the income tax collector, is 100 years old?"

"No."

"It says in the paper that the income tax department of the Inland Revenue was 100 years old last week."

always asking you for money you don't owe?"

"Perhaps."

"And why he writes to you two or three times a week. Perhaps he's so old he forgets who he has written to?"

"Possibly."

"And perhaps it's why he's been going back six years and making you pay for mistakes he made when he was 94?"

"With centenarians anything is possible."

"Does he use an ear trumpet?" "Yes."

"Do his clerks shout down it?" "Of course."

"Can he hear what they say?" "Not always."

"What happens when he can't hear?" "He shouts back 'Write to Gubbins again.'"

"How old is Mrs Blood-sucker?" "Ninety-nine."

"How old is their eldest child?" "Seventy-eight, and a half."

"Boy or girl?" "Boy."

"Mrs Bloodsucker married when she was twenty-one and a half?"

"Twenty and a half."

"Was she beautiful?" "Glasses and mousy hair?"

"Yes."

"What was Bloodsucker like?" "Glasses and mousy hair."

"Did they both like glasses and mousy hair?" "Adored them."

"What is Bloodsucker's other name?" "Bert."

"Bert Bloodsucker?" "Obviously."

Here is her reply to his last letter:—

DEAR Mousier,
I can't tell you how thrilled I was to get your letter. New York sounds simply marvellous, with its skyscrapers flowing with milk and honey and its swell guys, though I don't suppose any of them are sweller than you.

Of course, it would be quite easy to hitch-hike to Southampton and walk up the gangway of the next liner sailing west, but I must ask you this question first:—

What would be my status? I mean would it be just a platonic friendship and would I be accepted by your people?

Although I think you were perfectly sweet while you were over here, I do think you are inclined to have the same opinion about all girls. I mean yours is rather a one-track mind, isn't it? I do so think you ought to understand that some girls have brains, too.

Another thing I would like to know is: "Do you live in a pent house?" I like to think of you living in a New York pent house with your dear old mother, her tabby fur turning grey, who simply adores you.

I would be terribly sweet to your dear old mother if you have one. I am sure we would get on marvellously together.

And one more question. (Aren't I a nosy parker?)

Have you a ranch out West, or in the Middle West or somewhere? I mean a gopher-ranch or one of those exciting places I have heard about.

Longing to hear from you.
LOTTIE.

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Cable from Manhattan Mousier:

"What's biting you, sugar puss? Quit worrying about a status when you have a swell chassis. Sure I live in a pent house. Everybody here lives in a pent house or a nut house. We all have old mothers whose fur is turning grey and who are English duchesses what have been the girl friends of English dukes."

"When you are tired of New York we will go to my ranch in old Wyoming where there are plenty gophers" and suckers too. Then we will take a slow boat to China. What are you waiting for honey cat?

MANHATTAN MOUSER.
"Gopher. An American burrowing rodent."

"Mr Stalin"
To some he's Old Joe Stalin, or merely Uncle Joe, or to others he's a devil or a saint.

"The monster of the Kremlin," "The saviour of the world," To some he's rather wuffy and quaint.

"A man of shining virtue, too honest for the world," "A demon of unmentionable crimes."

If he's anti-Christ or angel, or just old Uncle Joe, He's always "Mr Stalin" in The Times.

—(London Express Service).

Working Man's Picture Gallery

By RONALD BOXALL

MOST Londoners who use the Underground are in a hurry—hurrying to work or hurrying home, dashing to a cinema in time for the last performance, or dashing home to get to bed before midnight. When they are not in a hurry, they are tired. Too tired or too intent on getting where they are going to worry about such a thing as Art.

Yet the London Transport Executive, which operates not only the vast and intricate "tube" system, but also the bus, trolley-bus and tram services—and, more recently, a water bus service on the Thames—has become the patron of a new art medium which for want of a better term, is called "commercial art."

Commercial art is exactly what its name suggests. The "high-brows" may scorn it because of its undisciplined, self-motivated, but it is becoming too big to ignore. Artists are no longer content to live in a garret on bread and cheese and their dreams of immortality. There is big money in advertising and poster designing, and artists are only human.

The London Transport Executive has one big advantage over other commercial advertisers: they do not expect, nor require, immediate returns. Their main concern is to make Mister Public travel-conscious. They know, of course, that he cannot help but take a bus or tube train to work in the morning and home again at night, but they don't want him to idle away his leisure time at home. They want him to go out and about—by Underground, bus or tram.

SUBTLE WAY
And they have hit on a very subtle way of enticing him out of doors. In doing so, they have become one of the principal sponsors of the better form of commercial art.

When a Londoner descends the escalator in a tube station and waits on a draughty platform for the train, he will take him to a stuffy office he is in a receptive mood for the propaganda which aims to make him a lover of the wide open spaces. Therefore, where better to display a poster depicting Epping Forest than on the concave walls of a tube station?

Mister Public sees this poster—or one of the chimpanzees in a London zoo—and decides to take the missus and the kids for a ride next weekend. Excellent! He has made up his mind to "discover Nature" and it's good business for the London Transport.

But what Mister Public doesn't know when he looks at these alluring posters is that, as often as not, he is looking at the work of a famous artist. He is no art critic, he sees that that, so far as he is concerned.

Not so London Transport. They consider the work of a good artist deserving of something better than a brief exhibition in a draughty passage level. If it is good it will live, and people always enjoy looking at "nice pictures."

BEST POSTERS
With this in mind, the London Transport Executive has collected some of the best posters that have appeared in tube stations and at bus termini in the past forty years, and put them on view at the Victoria and Albert Museum in an exhibition entitled "Art For All."

The exhibition was opened this week by the Prime Minister, the Rt. Hon. Clement Attlee, who called it "the poor man's picture gallery."

No political significance can be imputed to that remark. Truly, this is an exhibition of pictures painted to appeal to the masses, painted in the changing face of London in a blaze of colour, and conjuring up nostalgic visions of times that are no more.

There are 128 pictures on view, each one the best of commercial art in its day.

—(London Express Service).

There is the mildly amusing picture by John Hassall, which was one of the first attempts to popularise the Underground, then a fearsome mode of travel, involving dark tunnels and clouds of black smoke. In this picture a man and woman (obviously up from the country and just as obviously lost) are asking advice from a "policeman." He smiles patronisingly, and points to a map of the Underground.

Another, advocates the Underground as "the workers' way." This painting by Spencer Pryse is worthy of a place in any gallery. But it wouldn't do for an advertisement in these enlivened times. It shows a procession of shawled women and haggard men leaving a factory and heading towards an Underground station. To the modern observer, it rather suggests those pictures of forlorn women become the patron of a new art medium which for want of a better term, is called "commercial art."

LONDON TYPES
A third is one of a series of London Characters painted in oils by E. A. Cox. It shows that best-known—but nowadays rather maligned—London character, the costermonger or, as the caption says, "the non-proletarian."

There are glorious views of Chiswick, Uxbridge, Kew Gardens, Richmond, Park, Windsor Castle, Wimbledon Common, and St Albans—all on London Transport routes.

There is the painting of Epping Forest, which is the only example of the translation of a Jacob Epstein water-colour into a poster; the "tube shelterers" of World War I, who found safety from the Zeppelins in the Underground stations; by Walter Bayes; "The Land of Nod," one of a series of "pin-ups" which were specially painted by Charles Sims, R.A., to remind troops in Flanders of home; and the paintings by name Laura Knight, R.A., which are probably the most valuable in the exhibition.

Pictures through the gay twenties, and the uneasy thirties—and pictures through the Second Great War. Among these is one of a series done by Eric Keating, entitled "Seeing it through," which showed the men and women who kept London's public transport system working through dark days and long nights.

MRS. PORTER
The one that has been chosen for this exhibition depicts a woman porter on the tube, and was accompanied by the following verse, written by A.P. Herbert:

Thank you, Mrs. Porter,
For a good job stoutly done:
Your voice is clear, and the
Hun can hear
When you cry "South Kensington!"

The world must hurry homeward,
The soldier on his way,
And the whizz-whizz round on the Underground
At the voice of the girls in grey.

And though the skies are noisy
How calm the voices are—
"Upminster train! That man again!
Pass farther down the car!"

And so to 1949. The latest poster shows a street market scene by A.R. Thomson, R.A., which, apart from its pictorial beauty, is especially interesting, as an example of the very latest colour printing technique.

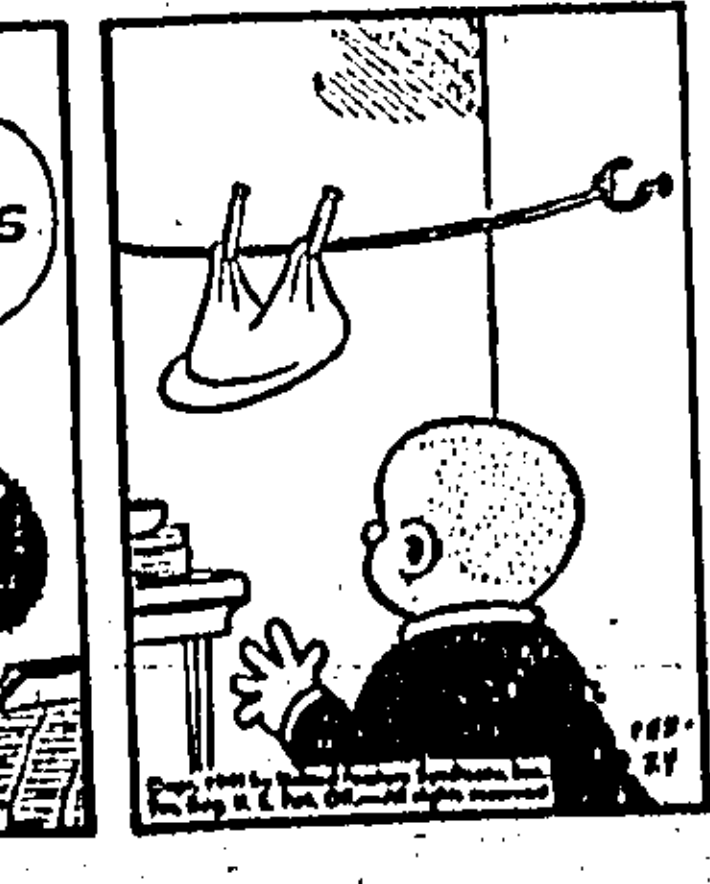
These original pictures—valued at over £10,000—have been taken out of the London Transport Executive's archives. After the exhibition they will be distributed throughout offices and canteens, moving every six months.

Postwar London is slowly regaining some of its lost splendour. The bright lights are back and now that Spring is in the air, local authorities are getting on with the job of beautifying the public parks. But Londoners (and Sir Stafford Cripps) are still living in austere times. By continuing to produce posters which rank with the best in the world, London Transport can speed up the process of "getting back to normal."

—(London Express Service).

NANCY

He's the Goat



HEAD FIRST FOR BEAUTY!



Paris Peace Congress To Discuss Atlantic Pact

Paris, Apr. 19.—The World Congress for Peace, opening here tomorrow, will discuss the Atlantic Pact, Marshall aid and President Truman's foreign policy, a Congress spokesman announced tonight.

Religious leaders, scientists and artists are among the delegates from 59 countries attending the Congress, one of the largest meetings of its kind ever held.

Soviet Drive For More Livestock

Three-Year Plan

Moscow, Apr. 19.—The Russian Government and the Communist Party today issued a joint decree setting out the first steps in its new three-year plan for a vast increase in livestock and the production of food and raw materials.

Higher wages—with the award of the title of "Hero of Socialist Labour" in the most outstanding cases—will be payable under the decree for increased cattle production.

All persons engaged in cattle breeding may retire at 50 on a 50-percent pension, but if they continue working in addition, they will receive full wages in addition to the pension.

The new three-year plan also sets a 1951 target of a 50-percent increase of meat, fats, milk, butter, eggs, leather, wool and other products on collective farms.—Reuter.

A United Press message states that all newspapers today devoted three out of a total of four pages to the decree.

By 1951 collective and state farms are expected to possess roughly 40,000,000 large horned cattle in addition to cattle owned individually. Individual ownership at present accounts for 30,000,000 head.

The decree said Russian livestock was inadequate even before the war, while during the war the Germans slaughtered and took to Germany 70,000,000 head of horned cattle, horses, pigs and sheep.

BIG DEAL

London, Apr. 20.—The man who sells English Derby winners has made another big deal.

Leon Volterra, French racehorse owner and breeder, has sold Jack Hylton, London theatrical impresario, a share in the three-year-old Royal Empire and Lord Drake.

Both are entered in the mile and a half Derby classic at Epsom on June 4. Royal Empire is offered by bookmakers at 25-1 and up. Lord Drake is an outsider.

The transaction was disclosed yesterday. Sale price and the percentage of Hylton's share were not known.—Associated Press.

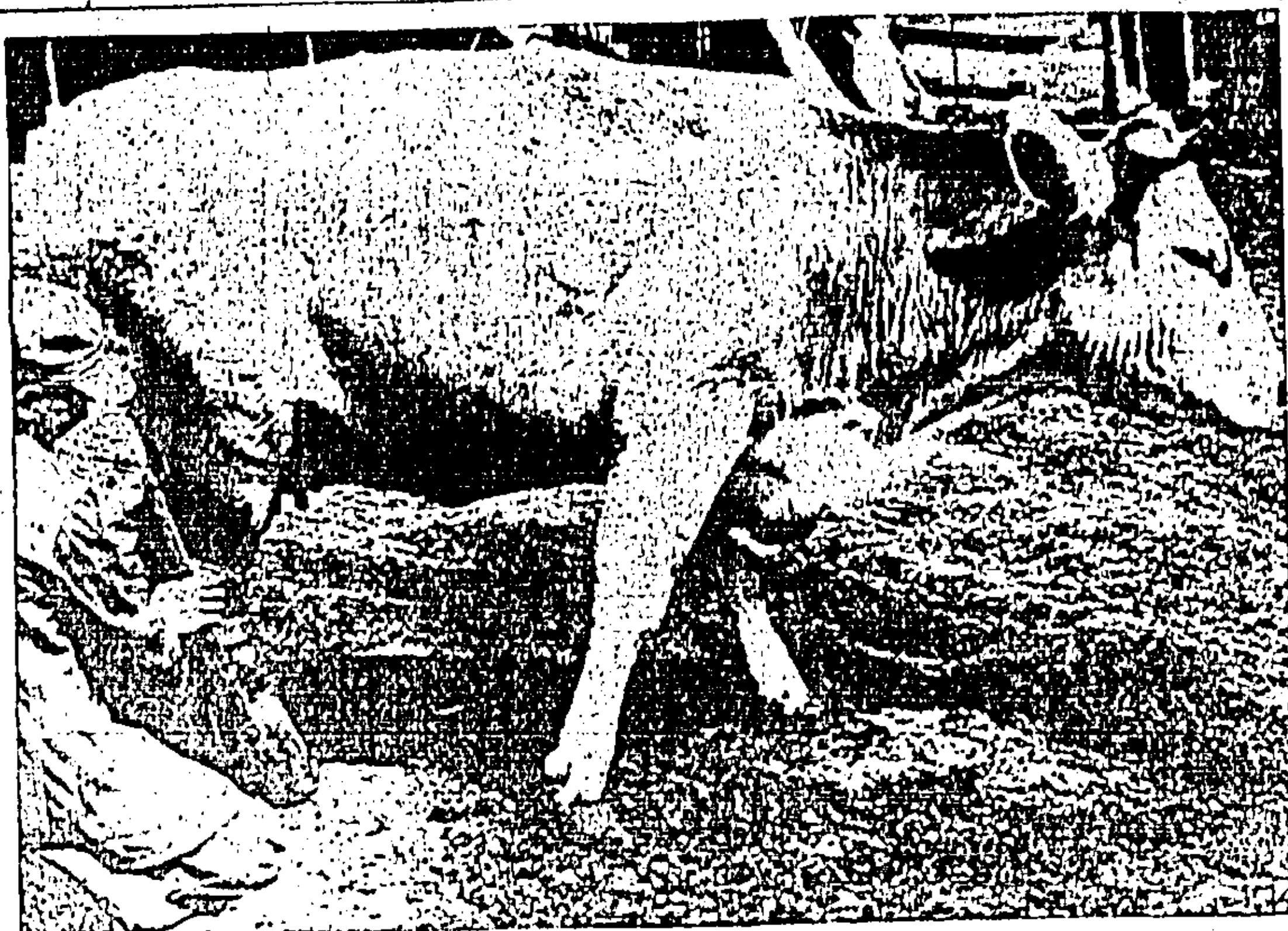
SIDE GLANCES

By Galbraith



"You've got more shirts to wash than you used to have, Mrs. Jones—I guess prosperity means more work for all of us!"

COW WITH A WOODEN LEG



"Crip," a three-year-old brown Swiss cow, stands patiently as owner Howard Martin of Union, Ia., makes an adjustment to her wooden leg she's worn for two years. The leg was amputated at the hock after an infection resulted from a fall. Because he wanted to save the calf she was carrying at the time and because she represented one of the best blood lines in his herd, Martin fashioned the artificial leg. Although not quite as active as other cows in the herd, Martin says "Crip's" habits haven't changed much because of the handicap.—AP Picture.

Hongkong Telephone Co. v Govt: Arbitration Court Hearing

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Mr Lonsdale then referred to a letter dated April 14, 1949, from Government to the Telephone Company. He said that throughout the time that these negotiations took place and which resulted in the arbitration agreement, Government were under the assumption, founded that they were being asked to increase the lawful rates and charges under the Ordinance and the Defence Regulations, and that in fact the figures supplied in support of that application referred to lawful rates and charges and that they were able by co-ordinating the application and the figures to claim a quasi judicial decision.

Government, he said, had more than one interest in this matter. There was the question of royalties on which they were paid on profits of over 12 percent which were available for distribution. Any increase in rates and charges would automatically result in increase of royalties.

PUBLIC PROTECTION
Government's interest primarily was the interest of the public and protection of the public. It was his submission that Government had never agreed to a matter and had never been in a position to agree to the application which had been made was never for increase in rates and charges but an increase in rate and charges plus unlawful rates.

Mr McNeill said that the arbitrators could not consider charges which were not permissible. Mr Lonsdale said he agreed and went on to say that the primary duty of fixing rates lay between the Company and the Government, and Government had never been in a position to agree or disagree because there had been misrepresentation. Mr Potter: You are not suggesting fraudulent misrepresentation.

Mr Lonsdale: I do not say fraudulent. It might have been innocent misrepresentation. Mr McNeill: I understand that this is an agreement between the Company and the Telephone Company. I think we are entitled to assume that the signature of the Crown Solicitor is an authorised signature. I feel that our duty as arbitrators is going to be to take any action on what you are saying, other than adjourning, on your undertaking to apply to the Court to revoke the agreement. As long as that agreement stands then I think we should continue with the hearing.

COUNSEL'S APPLICATION
Crown Counsel again referred to the letter of April 14, 1949. Government took steps in the short time available to ascertain what the application was for. The Commission made by his special order. Under the Accountant General's consent to the Telephone Company and made investigation into the accounts.

Mr Lonsdale added that it was a case of minor irregularities. Government would not make a point of upsetting the arbitration. It was his intention at this stage to make application to the arbitrators to exercise their powers under section 40 to enquire into the accounts of the Telephone Company as to what extent the charges made had been lawful or unlawful.

He said he was not asking at this stage for an adjournment to bring an application before the Court, but he was asking for an adjournment to pursue investigations which would be required at a later stage in the arbitration.

Mr Potter agreed that there should be an investigation of the accounts, but pointed out that the Company would never have agreed to arbitration if they thought for a moment that the charges they proposed to make were wrong.

"TOOTH AND NAIL"
Government could have the fullest investigation and all the time they wanted to check the figures, but first of all the Board of Arbitration should decide on the preliminary point. After that had been decided, they could fight tooth and nail as to what charges should be made.

Mr McNeill, addressing Mr Lonsdale, said the arbitrators would not assist that discussion. Mr Lonsdale replied, "It would only assist the Board and the parties to it to know to what extent the charges had been illegal. He referred to Mr Potter's argument, he said there had never been any request made to Government for a revision of the rates and charges set forth in the Schedule. The request had been for a revision of the charges plus something else he called "misrepresentation."

Mr Potter pointed out that in a letter received from Government, it was headed "Revision of rates."

The Arbitrators then adjourned the hearing for ten minutes.

On resuming, Mr McNeill said they understood that Mr Lonsdale had asked for an adjournment for the purpose of applying to the Court for revocation of the agreement, but the Arbitrators understood that had been withdrawn.

Mr Lonsdale interrupted to say the Arbitrators had understood him wrongly. He had said he was unable to make an application to the Court because of the insufficiency of information as to the unlawful charges. In view of the short period of time since Government became aware of it.

NOT RELEVANT
Continuing, Mr McNeill said the Arbitrators also felt that the question of evidence at the present stage was not relevant to the preliminary point. They therefore proposed that argument proceed on the preliminary point.

Some pointed statements had been made on behalf of Government, Mr Lonsdale said. The Company wanted to reply to them, they would hear what they had to say.

Mr Potter replied that all he wished to say was that the Company was prepared, and had always been prepared, to give every possible assistance and information to Government. In fact, he added, the accounts were being gone into at the moment.

Indian Plan For Colonies Arouses UN Interest

Lake Success, Apr. 19.—Half the members of the United Nations have now expressed their views on the future of the Indian colonies, but the result of the General Assembly's action still remains in doubt.

Meanwhile, considerable interest has been aroused in Indian Nations circles by an Indian proposal. While supporting the general Soviet and Arab line that all former colonies should be placed under United Nations trusteeship, India would like the Big Powers to be left out of any administration.

It is too early for observers to determine how much support this proposal may receive. The Arab delegation, in particular, have not expressed their view. But it is considered in some circles to have the virtue of not making the administration of the colonies a stumbling ground for Big Power disagreements.

Some observers also see in it the advantage that it would not give the Soviet Union a foothold in the administration of the North African territories. From the 29 declarations made so far the following pattern has emerged:

Seventeen nations have expressed themselves in favour of giving Britain trusteeship over Cyrenaica and of returning Somaliland to Italian administration under a trusteeship agreement.

Twelve countries are on record for a return of Tripolitania to Italian administration, and 11 have recognised France's claim to administer the Fezzan. The largest measure of unanimity so far has been for the Ethiopian claims to part of Eritrea, giving an access to the sea.

Twenty-one of the 29 nations have favoured giving Ethiopia at least part of Eritrea, either by annexation or under trusteeship.

DEADLOCK FEARS

Although this preliminary survey of opinion shows a certain amount of agreement on certain parts of the problem, diplomatic observers here still fear that a deadlock may be reached in attempting to find an overall solution.

The General Assembly's Political Committee, apart from divergences over details of administration, now appears to be splitting into two widely separated camps.

1.—Those who want a general United Nations trusteeship over all the colonies.

2.—The supporters of individual trusteeship administrations. The chief supporters of the first proposal are India, the Soviet Union and the Arab States. Their total strength in the final voting is expected to reach about 18. While this figure would not be sufficient to put through any one proposal, it is considered likely here that it may be large enough to block a clear two-thirds majority for any other proposal.—Reuter.

Canton Insurance Co's Good Year

At the Annual Meeting of the Canton Insurance Office Ltd., held at Messrs Jardine's Office this morning, the Chairman, Hon D. F. Landale, explained the changed method of presenting the Accounts as from January 1, 1948, and said that, had the accounts been drawn up in the old manner, the balance of the 1947 Working account would have disclosed a record figure.

Speaking of War Risk Insurance, Mr Landale said that a notable change in this type of insurance was the decision announced in November last that as from January 1, 1949, the British Market would revert to the "Waterborne" War Risk Clauses of 1938.

"I fear this is a sad reflection on the uneasy times in which we live," he added.

At the meeting it was decided to appropriate a balance of \$1,513,945 as follows: To pay a dividend of \$14 per share, free of tax; to transfer to Reserve for contingencies \$101,407; and to carry forward \$712,430. Members of the Constituting Committee present at the meeting were: The Hon. D. F. Landale (Chairman), Mr E. C. Harry, Mr D. E. Clark, the Hon. Sir Man Kam Lee, Mr W. A. Stewart, Mr S. T. Williamson and Mr K. A. Mason (Secretary).

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Radio Hongkong HK Delegation To BIF Leaves

The Hongkong delegation to the British Industries Fair, numbering 33, took off from Kai Tak this morning by BOAC Solent flying boat on the first lap of their journey to London.

They were seen off by Mr J. W. Ferris, secretary of the Hongkong BIF Committee, Mr Paul K. C. Tsui, of the Department of Commerce and Industry, and others. Mr Ferris read to the delegation a message of good wishes from H.E. the Governor.

11.15. Weather Report and Close Down.

LESSONS FROM THE INTERNATIONAL

The Scots Showed Up England's Weak Points

By VERNON MORGAN

England's totally unexpected defeat by Scotland at Wembley is not regarded by leading officials as a disaster, but as something which had to come sooner or later. That it came at Wembley and taught the selectors a salutary lesson is regarded as being much better than if it had come next month in Stockholm when England meets Sweden, the Olympic champions and regarded as one of the finest teams in the world.

Steps can now be taken to plug the holes that the Scots discovered in the English defence and find forwards not so likely to be thrown off their game by a vigorous defence.

England should of course have won the match against Scotland in the first half-hour. It has been an axiom of the present English international side to get the first goal quickly and then ram home the advantage. Hitherto, this has been very successful and England has got quick goals and won the match in the first half-hour.

At Wembley, one was able to see what happens when the expected early goal does not materialise, whether it be owing to bad play or bad luck. It was in fact the latter at Wembley, but that is really beside the point. What lessons were learned by the English selectors?

First, that perhaps Frank Swift, the giant goal-keeper who has done such great work for England in the past is not the player he used to be. With growing years, his eye is not so keen, nor his limbs. This comment is qualified by the statement that neither he nor any other goal-keeper could have been expected to save any of the three goals which beat him at Wembley.

POOR DEFENCE

Neither of England's two backs, Howe of Derby County, nor Aston of Manchester United did well. Their tactics appeared to be too far up the field, leaving only Franklin, that heroic centre-half, to hold the whole Scottish attack. But for the magnificent display of Franklin, the Scots would have scored many more goals.

Probably Howe will be dropped for the continental tour and Aston, who was the steadier, retained.

England were finely served at half-back by Wright as well as Franklin. Wright, the English captain, played his usual strong game and almost certainly to captain the side again.

But there is talk among the "high-ups" of putting the versatile Wright into the attack and he may appear as one of the inside players against Sweden and France.

Little Cockburn, left-half of Manchester United, had a poor match but he will not necessarily be discarded, especially if Wright goes into the attack.

England's attack would hardly have been the same without the wizard winger, Stanley Matthews, but it certainly did not look a little at Wembley as if he had passed his best.

There comes a time for all great players when the peak has been reached and the selectors might feel that this is the case with Matthews.

Should he go, Finney might be transferred from the left-wing to the right, his normal club position. Finney too was below form at Wembley, where he did too much "idling" about.

ONE CERTAINTY

Matthews' club-mate, Mortensen, is a certainty. This versatile player was in superb form at Wembley and without him any English forward line would be incomplete. He is England's match-winner number one.

There looks to be a vacancy, however, at centre-forward where Milburn does not quite fill the vacancy that Tommy Lawton has left. It is extremely unlikely that Lawton will be recalled and if Milburn who is weak with his head, does not retain his place, a newcomer may be given his chance to lead the attack.

Pearson, the Manchester United inside-left is one who will almost certainly be dropped. If Wright plays up in the forward line, another inside-forward would not be needed, but if Finney switches to the right wing a new outside left would have to be found.

Two players who have impressed the selection committee, one from the north, are Leuty, the Derby County half-back, who

looks sure of a place on the continental trip, and Bentley, the Chelsea forward. Perhaps the latter will take Milburn's place at centre-forward.

Whatever the England team for the big matches in Europe, there should be no complacency by England's opponents. While Scotland in the end won on merit they yet

had the luck and should have been beaten. England's selection committee will not allow the lesson they learnt at Wembley to escape them and furthermore, England's team manager, Walter Winterbottom, will not be in bed with influenza, so English soccer fans hope.

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USA v. Argentina



Eric Pedley (1), of the United States Polo team, swings at the ball in an attempted goal which was wide in the 3rd chukker of the game between the United States team and the Venado Tuerto team of Argentina for the World's Championship at Los Angeles.

Bearing down on the ball are George Oliver (2) (left foreground) and Aidan Roark (4) (black band on hat) both of the American team. Behind them left to right are the Argentines: J. Cavanagh (1); Ruiz Guinazo (2); E. Alberdi (3); and J. C. Alberdi (4). The United States won the game 10 to 9.—AP Wirephoto.

Dempsey Favours Foreign Fighters

By CORNELIUS RYAN

New York, Apr. 19.—Jack Dempsey believes that competent foreign fighters will play an important part in helping American professional boxing regain its prewar status.

"It is good to bring the European fighters to America," he said. "They make the American boys work harder and that's good for boxing. The Europeans are willing to put everything they have into fighting, because if they make good they will make amounts of money they could not possibly have earned in their home towns. With good foreigners in the ring, the American fighters will have to train harder and work harder to meet the competition."

Dempsey practised what he preached. He imported the heavyweight, Joe Weidman, who has had only indifferent success, the French middleweight, Laurent Dauthuille, who has been impressive at Montreal, and his latest importation is Ellis Ask, Finnish featherweight.

ENTHUSIASTIC

The former heavyweight champion is enthusiastic about Ask.

"He can punch with either hand and he's a pretty good boxer for his limited experience. He has no marks after 23 fights, which shows he can move and block."

"I won't try to change his style—I don't believe in doing that. I will just try to develop his weak points into strong points," Dempsey continued.

"Ellis is a busy kid in the ring, and that kind of fighter is good for the fight game."

Dempsey obviously was sincere as he talked to the press at a cocktail party at his Broadway restaurant during which the likeable Ask met the boxing writers.

"Sometimes it is a handicap for a boxer to have as one of his handlers," said Dempsey. "People expect too much of a man Dempsey has—they think the kid should win all his fights with a one-punch knockout."

Ask is not under ironclad contract to Dempsey.

"I don't believe in tying up a fighter to one outfit," Dempsey explained. "The fighters should be free to go where they can get the most money. That kind of promotional competition makes for good fights which will draw big rates—and that is good for boxing."—United Press.

Dave Sands Outpoints Caboché

London, Apr. 19.—Dave Sands, the Australian triple champion, outpointed Lucien Caboché, of France, in a ten rounds' middleweight contest at the Royal Albert Hall tonight.

The fight was disappointing and there were few highlights throughout the ten rounds.

The Australian's eagerness to please after his recent defeat by the American, Yarnoz, in his first British fight won him practically every round, but not in a way that made him look a champion.

The Frenchman proved only a moderate fighter with little to offer and he covered up and retreated throughout the earlier rounds.

Sands found difficulty in penetrating Caboché's defence, but there was little doubt that the Frenchman was out-classed in what boxing was seen. He received plenty of applause from the crowd for a plucky display.

BORED

Sections of the crowd became bored with the poor fight and apart from whistling and shouting some called for Danny Kaye to give them some excitement. The famous American comedian was in a singeing mood.

The Frenchman's bobbing and weaving made him a difficult target, but he had no punch that could be termed dangerous. In fact both boxers landed many times, but there was no sign that either was in danger of taking a count.

Caboché did show signs of nose bleeding in the eighth round, but he had not indicated that Sands would be a worthy opponent for the world champion, Marcel Cerdan.—Reuter.

HKFC TEAM

The following will represent the HKFC against Royal Navy today on the Club ground, kick-off 5.30 p.m.: Captain: Fowler; Striker: Weller, Forrow, Beck; Henderson, Main, Nelson, Klerman, Bickford.

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

Yankee Power Turns Back Washington

New York, Apr. 19.—Gatekeeper Charlie Latham, himself an old Major Leaguer, watched Ed Barrow lay a wreath on the bronze memorial to Babe Ruth in centre field today, then with tears in his eyes said, "Out there—there lies the old Yankee power."

For eight and two-thirds innings of today's opener with Washington Senators it seemed as if Latham was right. For there was no boom in the Yankee lineup as in those glorious days of yore, those days of Ruth and Lou Gehrig, whose monument previously had been set up in centre field.

But with the score tied two all and two out in the ninth, up stepped Tommy Henrich, one of the few remaining symbols of the old time Yankee power, and he blasted a homer into the right field seats to make it a 3-2 Yankee victory.

Earlier Ed Robinson had homered for Washington, and it looked like extra innings as Ed Lopat and Sid Hudson settled down into a determined duel. Lopat gave up eight hits and Hudson nine.

TIGERS WIN

Power from a new generator sparked Detroit Tigers as green-horn Johnny Groth blasted two homers in a 5-1 triumph over lefty Hal Newhouser over White Sox at Detroit. Newhouser, who won 21 games last year, pitched a three-hitter to gain his fourth straight opening day victory. Aaron Robinson, his battery mate who was with White Sox last year, also hit a homer and two runs in the second that gave Prince Hal all the lead he needed.

At Philadelphia, lefty Lou Brissie scored his second straight opening day triumph over Red Sox, holding them to seven hits. Six of them angles, Loser Joe Dobson was tagged for 10 hits including a homer by Eddie Joost that gave Brissie his winning margin.

Once again Bobby Feller fired blank bullets. He was no puzzle to Browns, who batted him out after two innings in a 5-1 victory over world champion Indians at St. Louis. The one-time mound master was just another hurler as Ned Garver took the laurels.

INCREDIBLE

The incredible Rip Sewell, who at 41 is pitching the best ball of his life, hexed his old

coupons Chicago Cubs once again, pitching his Pirates with five hits to a 1-0 victory over another old timer, 30-year-old Emil Dutch Leonard. It was Sewell's 34 triumph over Chicago against 10 losses, giving him more victories over one club than any other pitcher active.

Sewell's victory did not come until the ninth, when an error by shortstop Roy Smalley, a single by Ralph Kiner, a walk and a force out brought home the winning run.

The pennant contender Braves, held to one hit for eight innings by Curt Simons of the Phils, suddenly erupted in the ninth inning and scored four times for a 4-3 victory at Boston, after which they breezed to a second game victory 11-2.

At Brooklyn, Dodgers captured two big four-run rallies to defeat Giants 10-3. They took a cue from the power-minded Giants and Carl Furillo, Jackie Robinson and Roy Campanella hit homers off Larry Jansen. Lefty Joe Hatten scared by Bill Rigney to gain the victory.

Veteran Ken Raffensberger, who pitched two one-hit victories over Cardinals last year, beat them 3-1 at Cincinnati, scattering five hits. All of Cincinnati's runs were unearned, the result of errors by first baseman Nippy Jones and third baseman Tommy Glaviano. The only Cardinal run was a homer by Enos Slaughter.

THE SCORES

Today's scores were:

American League

Boston 2 7 0

Philadelphia 3 10 0

Red Sox: p. Dobson; Ferris; c. Tebbets.

Athletics: p. Brissie; c. Rosa.

Chicago 1 3 1

Detroit 5 7 0

White Sox: p. Gebrian; c. Tipton.

Tigers: p. Newhouser; c. Robinson.

Washington 2 8 0

New York 3 9 0

Senators: p. Hudson; c. Evans.

Yankees: p. Lopat; c. Niarhos.

Cleveland 1 7 2

St. Louis 5 8 1

Indians: p. Feller, Wynn, Garcin, Paige; c. Hegann.

Browns: p. Garver; c. Lollar.

Moss.

National League

Philadelphia 3 7 0

Boston 4 4 1

Phillies: p. Simons, Trinkle; c. Lopat.

Braves: p. Spahn, Potter; c. Marshall.

Philadelphia (nightcap) 2 9 2

Boston 11 12 2

Phillies: p. Meyer, Donnelly, Bicknell; c. Wagner.

Braves: p. Bickford; c. Saikeld.

LAWN BOWLS ENTRIES

Nine teams have entered the First Division of the Hongkong Lawn Bowls League, 10 in the Second Division and six in the Third Division.

Club de Recreation entered four teams. Kowloon CC three teams and the KBGC will probably enter three.

The following are the entries.

FIRST DIVISION
Club de Recreation "A" and "B", Craigengower CC, Kowloon BGC, Kowloon CC, Kowloon Docks Club, Indian RC, Police RC and Hongkong CC.

SECOND DIVISION
Club de Recreation, Craigengower CC, Kowloon CC, Indian RC, Police RC, Kowloon Docks Club, Hongkong FC, Filipino Club, Talkoo Club, Kowloon BGC.

THIRD DIVISION
Club de Recreation, Prison Officers' Club, Hongkong Electric RC, Kowloon CC, Hongkong CC, and Kowloon BGC (tentative).

Basketballers From Canton In Match Today
Basketball fans will see a strong Canton team in action at Caroline Hill this evening when the "Reds" of the Southern Commercial College of Canton meet the Black Cats, one of the Hongkong Basketball League, in a friendly tilt. The game will start at 7 p.m.

This will be followed by another friendly between the "Blues" of the Southern Commercial College and South China Athletic Association's "B" Division team.

TODAY'S SOCCER
FIRST DIVISION
Police v. S. China "B" Boundary Street, 5.45 p.m.; Referee: J. Ward; Linesmen: W. Gibson and H. Richardson.
Carlton v. Navy Club, 5.45 p.m.; Referee: R.M. Omar; Linesmen: Sgt. Munson and P.P. Li.
SECOND DIVISION
Dockyard v. Solicitors; Navy, 5.45 p.m.; Referee: L. Davey.
St. Joseph's v. Talkoo; Army "A", 5.45 p.m.; Referee: L. Duen-po.

Schoolboys Back Home

The combined St. Joseph's and Lualaba College soccer team returned to the Colony by PAL aircraft yesterday after their goodwill tour of the Philippines, where they played five friendly matches against local teams.

At the Airport, the team looked fresh and did not show any signs of fatigue after their gruelling tour. Indeed, they looked very cheerful and happy for they won four of the five games and managed a draw in the last match.

The Rev. Brother Cronan, of St. Joseph's, who was in charge of the team, told Pressmen they had a very pleasant trip, but the heat at this time of the year was rather tiring.

Asked if he had any ideas about sending a further team to Manila in the future, Brother Cronan said he hoped that it would be possible during the Christmas holidays and that track and field exponents would be included.

The Manila Press praised the team in their comments and said that it was the best type of combination which should be encouraged to come over to Manila whenever possible because of the immeasurable good that they could do in improving the technique of the local players.

Faustino Lim, coach of the NCAA champion team, commented that the victory would even the record between the two teams. He said the Manila Football League's bracket from the Turba Salvaje down to the Nomads. He added that the Hongkongites were even superior to last year's, in-tervenor team in Manila.

Of the five matches played, the results were: Team National University, 7-1; Lualaba, 1-0; San Beda 4-2; La Salle (Manila) 1-0, and drew with the Manila Combined Team, 1-1.

British Car Sets Record
Indianapolis, Apr. 19.—A British Austin car today broke the record for seven days on the Indianapolis Speedway. Unofficially, the mileage for the seven days was 11,715, giving an average of 70.68 miles per hour.

The previous record was 68.58 miles per hour, made by a Studebaker in 1928 on the Indianapolis track.

The last hour of the test was marred by a broken timing chain. Mechanics worked desperately to repair the car before the finishing time but failed.

Despite this, all records were broken unofficially. The record is subject to official checking. Almost half the time of the test was run in rain and snow.

Rugger Results
London, Apr. 10.—Results of rugby football games played today were:

RUGBY UNION
Bath 5, Leicester 9.
Bridgwater and Abdon 0.
Coventry 0.
Cardiff 6, Northampton 15.
Llanelli 3, Welsh Universities 6.

Newport 5, Barbarians 6.
Pontypool 10, Devonport Services 6.
Grouse 6, Notts 6.
Newbridge 24, Birmingham 6.
Aberavon 20, London University 8.
Exeter 14, Bridgend 9.
Lyncey 0, Gloucester 0.
Macclesfield 0, Nuneaton 3.
Penzance and Newlyn 5.
St. Thomas's Hospital 3.

RUGBY LEAGUE
Bradford Northern 11, Wakefield Trinity 0.
Castleford 9, Batley 12.
Hull 5, Liverpool Stanley 6.
Huddersfield 40, Featherstone Rovers 7.
Leeds 40, Hull 11.—Reuter.

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BY WILLIAM E. MCKENNEY

IT is sometimes surprising how little we know of the background of our associates. Bridge players often play in tournaments from three days to a week, and seldom do I find one who knows anything about the others' business.

For example, Mrs. Ralph H. Schellenberg, with Harry J. Fishbein, has for years operated one of the largest bridge clubs in the United States, the Mayfair Bridge Club of New City.

Her biggest asset is her memory for names. This is her memory for names. This is her memory for names. This is her memory for names.

Mrs. Schellenberg (South) played low in the opening lead of the six of spades, but won the second spade lead with the ace.

Now the average player might lay down the ten of diamonds and take the finesse. East would win and return a spade. Now declarer would have only five diamond tricks, a club trick and two spades.

Declarer must establish either the clubs or the hearts for the ninth trick. Mrs. Schellenberg remembered that one of her first lessons from the master was, count your tricks, not instead of playing the diamond, she laid down the king of hearts.

West won and led back another spade which declarer won with the king. Now she took the diamond finesse and East had no more spades to return—four Mrs. Schellenberg made 400.

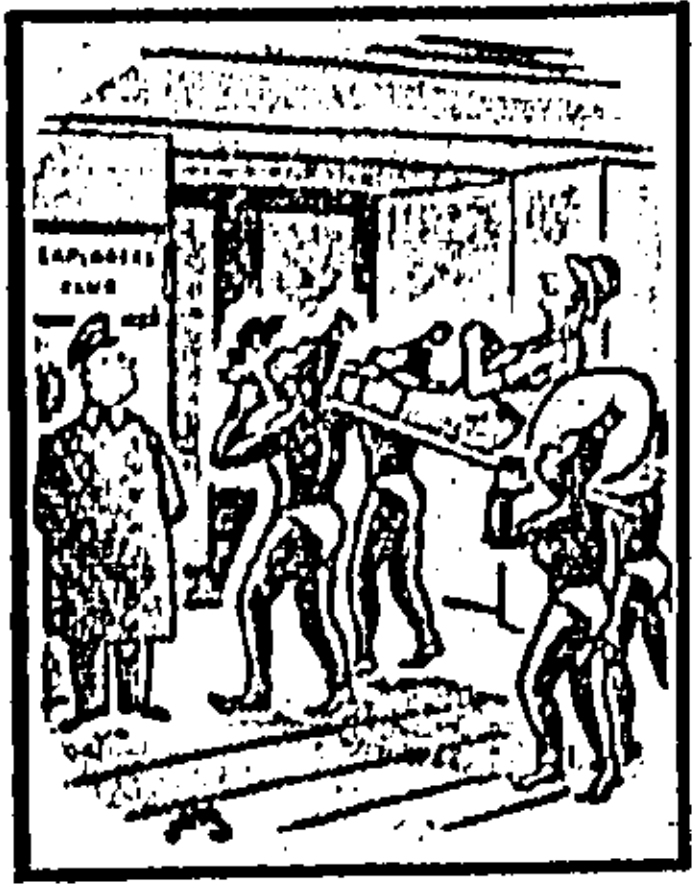
Check Your Knowledge

1. In what continent is the Gobi Desert?
 2. In what century was the Kremlin, Moscow, U.S.S.R. built?
 3. What spice is the dried covering of the seed of the nutmeg?
 4. Why are dykes used in Holland?
 5. How many classes of bankruptcy are there?
 6. Name the capital of Australia.
- (Answers at foot of Column.)

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POCKET CARTOON

TESTING
ROCKETSU.S. To Choose The
Woomera Site

Sydney, Apr. 19.—The United States is "certain" to select Australia's Woomera rocket range for tests, according to the Canberra correspondent of the Sydney Morning Herald, quoting an authoritative source in the Federal capital.

He said the Commonwealth defence authorities are preparing for the American use of the Woomera range as "a testing ground for rockets with atomic warheads."

The correspondent added that the United States' acceptance of the range for the tests is certain. The Woomera range covers an extensive desert area of Central Australia.

Authoritative sources in Canberra were quoted as saying that Central Australia is the only suitable area outside Siberia for a 3,000-mile rocket firing range.

SECRET TESTS

American and Australian observers have already inspected Woomera, which is now being substantially extended. It was said. Islands in the Indian Ocean will be used as reporting stations for rockets fired from Woomera, the Herald said, and a major spotting station will be established on Christmas Island, about 2,000 miles from the firing base.

The newspaper said the American tests would be carried out in the utmost secrecy. It was understood that American scientists, technicians and rocket and atomic equipment would be flown direct to Woomera in big transport aircraft.

The heavy equipment would come in by sea, probably crated up as farm equipment and heavy machinery.

According to the Herald, the United States is not expected to establish a permanent base in Australia. The correspondent added: "It is regarded as significant that a British leading atomic scientist, Professor Oliphant, will arrive in Australia in July."—Reuter.

Graziani's
Grave Illness

Rome, Apr. 19.—Former Marshal Rodolfo Graziani, ill in prison here for some weeks, is to be transferred to a military hospital because of the gravity of his condition, the military authorities said today.

It is understood that he suffered a stroke last week which paralysed his left side. The former Marshal's trial on charges of collaboration with the Germans began before a special civil tribunal in October, but after more than five months the court declared itself incompetent and ordered a trial by a military tribunal.—Reuter.



"Wonderful! Who's the schmo?"

Wants P.I. Consulates
Closed In
AustraliaNEW MOVE IN
GAMBOA CASE

New York, Apr. 19.—Philippine Congressman Jose Topacio Nuño said today he was cabling Manila tonight urging the closure of the Philippine Consulates in Australia in retaliation for the barring of Sergeant Lorenzo Gamboa.

Senator Nuño is a member of the Foreign Relations Committee of the Philippines Congress and at present is serving with the delegation to the United Nations General Assembly.

He told the United Press that Australia's racial policies and apparent United States determination to rehabilitate Japanese industry are among the biggest Pacific issues currently worrying Filipinos.

U.S. Troops
Withdraw In
Mock War"Saboteurs" Gain
Successes

Heidelberg, Apr. 19.—Seventy thousand United States troops with 1,200 tanks and armoured vehicles fell back today in the face of an imaginary 100,000-strong "aggressor force" attacking the American zone of Germany from the east.

In the first phase of the American Occupation Army's full-dress spring manoeuvres, two German, working as mock enemy agents, "blew up" an important railway connection at the Mannheim Ordnance Depot within 75 yards of posted sentries, an Army spokesman disclosed.

The two Germans dressed as workmen by American Intelligence teams—who plan "many surprises" for the defending troops—succeeded in placing and exploding dummy bomb charges at the Depot.

TO COUNTER-ATTACK

Watched by foreign military observers, the American "defence" will continue their strategic withdrawal until tomorrow night, when they will fan out for a counter-attack.

Planes of the imaginary aggressor force maintained air superiority today and the 100 defensive aircraft were limited to interception and photo reconnaissance missions.

A huge briefing map in the "war room" headquarters of the United States Army in Europe pin-points the headquarters of the "First Aggressor Army" at Prague.

American officers insisted that there is no political significance to the reference. They point out that in last year's manoeuvres the Army placed the headquarters of the theoretical aggressor near Metz, France.—Reuter.

FIRE ON TENDER

Cork, Eire, Apr. 19.—A fire broke out in the cork harbour tender Blaney today while the vessel was bringing 200 passengers ashore from the American liner Washington.

No one was hurt but 200 mailbags were affected.—Reuter.

Conference Will
Seek To Remove
Europe's Barriers

London, Apr. 19.—Plans to break down currency, trade and travel barriers between the countries of Europe will be discussed by nearly 300 delegates at a European Movement Economic Conference, opening here tomorrow.

The highlight of tomorrow's plenary session will be a speech by Britain's wartime leader, Mr. Winston Churchill, one of the Movement's four Presidents of Honour. Other speakers will be M. Leon Jouhaux, Chairman of the Force Ouvrière of the Confederation Générale du Travail of France, and President of the International Council of the European Movement; and M. Paul Van Zeeland, former Belgian Prime Minister and President of the Economic League for European Co-operation.

Significant of the recognised influence of the European Movement is the fact that Mr. A. V. Alexander, the Minister of Education, will welcome the delegates on behalf of the Government.

Observers in London recall that the Labour Government decided on what was tantamount to a boycott of The Hague Congress in 1948, when the Movement was created out of dis-jointed organisations campaigning for European unity.

The ultimate economic objectives of the European Movement will be fully thrashed out in this week's conference, which will last until April 25. It includes:

TRAVEL RIGHTS

1.—That the currencies of European nations shall be freely inter-changeable.

2.—That Europeans shall have the right to travel freely in Europe.

3.—That Europeans shall have the right to sell their services freely anywhere in Europe.

4.—That goods produced by Europe shall be freely available to all European people.

Delegates representing 21 countries were arriving today, as the International Economic and Social Section of the Movement was already in private session preparing the groundwork for the talks.

Two American economists, and Professor Blend, an Australian, were also due to attend. Their countries represented include Austria, Belgium, Denmark, Luxembourg, Norway, Sweden, Turkey, France, Italy, Britain, Greece, The Netherlands and the Western Zones of Germany.

Though unofficial in the sense that it is divorced from Government, the European Movement is influential and observers expect that Germans will closely study the recommendations of this week's conference.

The subject of Communism is not on the agenda, but it is likely to form a strong under-current to the discussions since any planning of a free European economy must pay attention to the countries of Eastern Europe. Emigre anti-Communist representatives of Bulgaria, Czechoslovakia, Hungary, Poland, Rumania and Yugoslavia have been invited. The British Government will hold a reception for the delegates at the end of tomorrow's plenary session.

On subsequent days, the conference will split into committees. A public meeting will be held on April 23, with Sir John Anderson, a former Chancellor of the Exchequer, as Chairman. Plenary sessions will occupy the last three days of the conference.—Reuter.

Meteor Jet Plane
Crashes

Ludgershall, Wiltshire, Apr. 19.—A United States Air Force pilot was believed to have been badly injured after his Meteor jet plane crashed near here tonight. The pilot, whose name was given as Lieutenant Colonel Richard Orr, was taken to Tidworth Military Hospital. Lieutenant Colonel Orr is attached to the Fighter Command.—Reuter.

The UN In
SessionArms For
Atlantic
AlliesAcheson To Make
A Report

Washington, Apr. 19.—Mr. Dean Acheson, the U.S. Secretary of State, will give the Senate Foreign Relations Committee a report on Thursday on the American plans to arm her North Atlantic Allies.

The Chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, Senator Tom Connally, said today that the Committee will meet in a secret session to hear Mr. Acheson and will decide on a date for hearings on the Atlantic Treaty.

He said that, while the Senators will hear about the arms project in private, there is no intention of making details public at the present time.

Senator Connally added that when the Senate reaches the point of ratifying the Treaty then it can decide about the arms programme. He indicated that the arms project may not be made public until the Treaty is ratified.

Senator Connally said the Security Alliance "would be a good enterprise" even if there was no arms programme for the member nations.

He said that the Treaty will not be brought before the Senate for ratification until most of President Truman's domestic legislation is out of the way. Senator Connally said, however, that he does not want to delay the Treaty too long. "We will try to edge in the Treaty somewhere," he declared.—Reuter.

Members of the U.S. General Assembly sit in various poses at the initial session at Flushing Meadow Park, New York. Front row, left to right, are: Mrs. Eleanor D. Roosevelt; Philip C. Jessup; John Foster Dulles; Warren R. Austin, delegation chairman; and Secretary of State Dean Acheson. Third from right in second row is Erwin D. Canham of Boston, alternate delegate.—AP Picture.

Supports Wait &
See Policy

New York, Apr. 19.—Senator Tom Connally, Chairman of the Foreign Relations Committee, told reporters today that the United States could do little at present to halt the Communist march in China.

He agreed with the Secretary of State, Mr. Dean Acheson, that the best thing to do was "to wait and see." He said his Committee was giving the right-of-way to the North Atlantic Security Treaty with hearings expected to start in May.

The Committee had no plans to consider further aid to China.—Reuter.

PROMPT ACTION
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Sydney, Apr. 19.—A cargo of timber and fuel oil was saved when a fire, which broke out on the 3,000-ton Swedish motorship Kookaburra here last night, was brought under control by the city's fire brigade within 30 minutes of its arrival.

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AND NOTICE is also given that the Share Transfer Registers will be closed from 14th April, 1949 to 23rd April, 1949, both days inclusive.

By order of the Board,
R. A. WICKERSON,
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Hongkong, 4th April, 1949.

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